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Shamir: settlement budget cut, not freeze

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that settlement in Judea and Samaria would be cut — along with many other aspects of government expenditure. "The settlements are not excluded," he said. But there would be no "freeze" on such settlement, the premier stressed. A freeze would be a political act, and would run counter to the fundamental policies of his government.

Shamir spoke on the Israel Television interview programme *Moked*. He said the government would not resign if a motion for the Knesset agenda urging a settlement freeze were approved next week. The motion is being submitted jointly by Shinar and by two members of the Likud-Liberals, Yitzhak Bernas and Dror Zeigerman. Shamir said he "wondered at" the two coalition men's submitting this motion, since a freeze was plainly a political proposal and not an economic measure. He did not expect other coalition members to support the motion. But even if they did and the motion were carried, it would merely mean a full-dress Knesset debate on the subject. There was no binding instruction to the government to freeze settlement, and the government need not regard the motion as a parliamentary test with the requirement that it resign if it failed the test.

New IDF Lebanon pullback is possibility, says Shamir

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that a further partial withdrawal by the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon was "a possibility." Appearing on the Israel Television programme *Moked*, Shamir was asked whether he would consider a pullback from the present line on the Awali River to the Zaharani River further south. He said that Israel was "in the stage of leaving Lebanon" and therefore any proposal in that direction would be considered — provided always that security arrangements were achieved to ensure the safety of the northern border.

Asked how this position squared with chief of staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy's statement last weekend that Syria's presence in Lebanon could be strategically beneficial to Israel, Shamir said he was "sure there is no contradiction." Were he to sit and discuss the scenarios at length and in depth with Levy, they would agree "on what conditions a Syrian presence... on what conditions an Israeli withdrawal."



King Hussein listens as Jordan's new prime minister, Ahmed Obaidat, is sworn in on Tuesday night at Hussein Medical Centre, where the king is receiving treatment for a peptic ulcer. To the king's right is his brother, Crown Prince Hassan. (UPI telephoto)

Amman waiting for Arafat

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is expected in Amman "within the next ten days, or at the latest by the end of the month," according to a prominent East Jerusalem person who returned from the Jordanian capital late yesterday. This person was in Amman for the recent reconvening of the Jordanian parliament and the appointment of a new government. He said that the strong feeling among Jordanian government circles was that if Arafat did not come, "he would be missing a rare opportunity for the coordination of forthcoming diplomatic moves in the area."

West Bank observers said last night that the increase in the number of West Bank Palestinians in the new Jordanian cabinet (seven as compared to five in the outgoing cabinet) and their appointment to key portfolios was clearly intended as a signal that King Hussein was more willing to involve himself in the future of the area than in the past. However, opinion was still sharply divided whether the king could go ahead and negotiate on his own if Arafat did not give him the go ahead. AP reports from Amman that the first regular session of the Jordanian parliament has been postponed until next Monday.

Economic ministers decide: Public will pay IS30b. to cover budget cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The public will have to provide IS30 billion of the IS58 billion that the Ministerial Economic Committee decided early yesterday to cut from the government's budget. Following the cuts in the Health, Education and Culture, Labour and Social Affairs, and other ministry budgets, the public will have to pay new health fees, an education levy and other extra charges, subject to cabinet and Knesset approval. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning, after some 12 hours of talks, the committee decided to abandon its earlier proposal to cut 9 per cent from each ministry's budget. This decision was taken because of complaints from several ministries that they simply were unable to execute a 9 per cent cut. Tami had warned that any attempt to cut more than 5 per cent from the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry budget could result in their leaving the government.

The committee instead adopted a programme involving a IS12b. slash in the Defence Ministry budget and a IS48b. cut in the civilian ministries' budgets. This will include a IS16b. reduction in spending on activities such as road construction and investment projects. The public will be asked to make up IS30b. of the cut, paying increased fees and making do with smaller allowances. The decision to cut IS12b. from the Defence Ministry budget was taken without Defence Minister Moshe Arens' approval. He was not at the meeting. Treasury officials said yesterday that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had not talked with Arens during the day, and could not say if Arens would agree to the proposed slash. They said talks could take place in the next few days, before the budget proposal is tabled at the cabinet plenum on Sunday. The cuts agreed on by the Ministerial Economic Committee are as follows:

Health Ministry, IS2b.
Health Ministry officials have begun to work out the details of the IS2 billion budget cut and some general guidelines for trimming expenditures have emerged. These include reducing the amount of support given by the ministry to institutions such as the various health funds and Magen David Adom; cutting down spending on development; and shifting some of the ministry's responsibility for geriatric care to other institutions, such as the National Insurance Institute. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned. The ministry will make every effort to maintain the present level of health services. But it is already apparent that certain areas will be hit hard. For example, waiting lists for dialysis, the installation of pacemakers, admission to a geriatric nursing home and open-heart surgery will undoubtedly be longer the sources said. Together with the cutbacks, the ministry will also begin looking for ways to increase revenue through pushing for greater patient participation in the costs of health care, the sources said. The IS700 fee for emergency-ward treatment instituted on January 1 was one step in this direction. Other "negligible" fees are being considered for various services, they said.

Education Ministry, IS4b.
In addition to the proposed education fee, the Treasury wants to reintroduce a progressive system of tuition fees for high-school education. It hinted yesterday that the alternative to this could be fewer school hours and fewer teachers. Treasury officials said yesterday that the Education Ministry had still not agreed on this cut.

Higher Education, IS3b.
This will mean a large increase in university tuition fees, estimated by the Treasury at 100 per cent in real terms.

Labour and Social Affairs Ministry, IS4b.
This will be covered mainly by increasing the contributions paid to the National Insurance Institute by higher-income groups. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Mail service, trains may shut down on Sunday

Jerusalem Post Staff
Labour unrest in the public sector continues to mount throughout the country, and it seemed possible yesterday that the postal services and trains would come to a halt on Sunday. The Jerusalem District Labour Court yesterday instructed the Communications Ministry and postal workers to continue negotiations through Sunday and to reappear in court that afternoon to prevent a threatened general strike next week. Court hearings on the wage dispute, involving 4,500 workers, have proceeded for nearly three weeks with no results. The postal workers have declared that if no solution is found by Sunday, they will bring mail services to a halt, as they did for a few days last month. Train services throughout the country will also come to a standstill on Sunday, for an indefinite period, unless the management of the Israel Railways agrees to the employers' wage demands. The *Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Shmuel Blau, chairman of the northern region works committee, said all 2,000 railroad workers agreed to the walkout after the breakdown of talks with management. The workers staged a one-day stoppage more than a fortnight ago, but then agreed to call off their strike pending top-level talks between representatives of the Histadrut and the Finance Ministry. The employees are demanding a 30 per cent wage rise and upgrading of their salaries. They also favour proposals to take Israel Railways out of direct government control. Blau said the talks have failed to produce any results and the workers therefore have been forced into taking further action. "Our aim is to reach an agreement, and we hope that the action will not be necessary," he said. The workers of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry have agreed to stop their month-old sanctions, following assurances that their demands to raise the salaries of the lowest-paid workers will be "sympathetically" considered by the Civil Service Commission.

The sanctions have forced some welfare institutions to close and forced hundreds of others to reduce their activities to the minimum. Informal talks between the staff representatives and Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan, which began recently, will focus on the demands to raise the salaries of the ministry workers whose gross income ranges between IS20-25,000 a month. The demands for rises for workers in higher grades will not be considered at this stage. Staff representative David Zioni said that the decision to return to work was due in part to the fact that the impact of their struggle was diluted by the wave of sanctions in the public sector that broke out in recent weeks. Transport Ministry staff committees from all over the country met in Tel Aviv yesterday and decided to continue their sanctions. However, automobile licensing will continue uninterrupted until further notice. At the Interior Ministry, too, no changes were announced yesterday in the continuing sanctions, a staff committee leader said.



Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon (right) talks with Herut Party members after the vote at the Zionist General Council yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Loses aliya post on secret ballot Herut stunned by Sharon's defeat

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Herut last night suffered a blow to their prestige when the Zionist General Council denied Minister

without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, enthusiastically endorsed by the premier and by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, a seat on the Zionist Executive and prevented him from receiving the Jewish Agency aliya portfolio.

One hundred and eight delegates to the ZGC meeting took part in the 90-minute vote in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. Fifty-nine voted against Sharon, 48 voted for him, and one abstained. During the hours before the election, Herut Knesset Members and Jewish Agency officials spoke confidently of Sharon's winning, saying that the "floating vote" had swung in Sharon's favour. In the morning, Arens, asked for his opinion on the Sharon candidacy by a Chicago delegate, strongly condemned the ZGC for "spending a great deal of time" looking for a way to defeat Sharon. "I was sorely disappointed with the effort to get Raphael Kotlowitz out of the job (last October) and now not to allow Ariel Sharon to get it," he said. If Diaspora Jewry had had their own candidate who could miraculously increase American aliya to tens of thousands a year, "then I would listen."

New clashes in Beirut as security plan stalls

BEIRUT (AP). — Government troops and Moslem insurgents clashed in suburban Beirut and neighbouring hills yesterday as objections again delayed enforcement of a security plan to separate Lebanon's civil war antagonists.

State-run Beirut Radio said a four-man committee representing the army and Druse, Shi'ite and Christian militias met and called a ceasefire at midday to halt the morning battles. The truce held for half an hour and since has been ridden by minor violations. U.S. special envoy Donald Rumsfeld flew in from Israel to consult with government leaders on ways to curb Lebanese violence, local radio stations said. Official sources in Damascus said the American diplomat will visit the Syrian capital today for talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. The four-man security committee was originally scheduled to discuss the hitches delaying the enforcement of the Saudi-mediated plan to disengage combatants and establish a durable ceasefire, but it was forced first to deal with curbing new fighting, police said. The state radio said there were last-minute hitches to enforcing the security plan and the government needed more contacts to sort them out and avert "a setback during implementation."

Coalition seems secure—for now

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The coalition's prospects of survival were judged as considerably improved yesterday, after Tami's ministries were spared drastic budget cuts. But the long-term threat to the Shamir government has not entirely disappeared. Coalition partners from all parties heaved a collective sigh of relief yesterday morning when it emerged that the finance minister had managed to get most of his budget cuts, but virtually without touching the welfare budget. He thus managed to avoid triggering a Tami walkout from the coalition. Sources in most coalition parties yesterday reported a "considerably improved atmosphere" and judged the coalition's chances of survival as better than they had been throughout the past week.

However, according to insiders, next week "will really be crucial in determining whether the government will surmount the present hurdles." Tami Knesset Members are scheduled to meet with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad next week to hear details of "his entire economic plan." Tami spokesmen explained yesterday that their final decision on whether to remain in the coalition will hinge on the sort of plan Cohen-Orgad outlines. Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Benzion Rubin said yesterday that to his mind "chances are now very good that Tami will stay in the coalition. We are pleased with the consideration shown us on the budget cuts. But there must be more to an economic plan than cuts, and this is what we will insist upon."

Tami is now expected to demand that limits be imposed on the amount of foreign currency that Israelis travelling abroad can take with them, that the rich make greater sacrifices than the poor, that unemployment be avoided and that housing plans not be drastically reduced. The coalition is not expected to be shaken until the meeting with the Tami delegation next week. The betting in coalition circles is that if a crisis does come, it will be against a different background. It is not ruled out that the next crisis, too, might be generated by Tami, as the suspicion still lingers that Tami may wish to bolt the coalition in any event and that the economic question merely provides it with a pretext. If that is the case, it is said in the coalition, Tami will find new excuses.

Rosolio confirms wider bank investigation

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut investigators have been asked to intensify their investigation into alleged financial irregularities by the former chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim, Ya'acov Levinson. This was revealed yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post* by Danny Rosolio, secretary of Hevrat HaOvdim, the Histadrut's holding company. The labour federation has been quietly conducting its investigation for several months. But when the allegations were made public this week, the team was told to proceed as quickly as possible. Rosolio said he had personally told the investigators to speed up their work. The investigators are Shraga Rothman, director of Solel Boneh, and Amiram Sivan, board chairman of Histours and Teus, a Hevrat HaOvdim financial institution. Both men are also directors of Bank Hapoalim.

Levinson is alleged to have been involved in transactions from 1979 to 1981, when he left Bank Hapoalim to become chairman of its subsidiary, Ampal, that improperly benefited either Ampal or a private financial institution, or both. Levinson has denied any wrongdoing. Rosolio said that he has not yet received even an interim report on the investigation, but said that at least one other bank official's name "had come up" in the course of the investigation, and that it now extended to him as well. The board of directors of Bank Hapoalim held a special session last night to hear a full report on the probe being conducted into the Levinson affair. The directors endorsed the action taken so far, an announcement said. The allegations surfaced this week in *Haolam Hazeh*. According to the weekly, one of the issues involved transactions between Bank Hapoalim and Ampal, a subsidiary established in 1941 for raising capital in the U.S. It alleged that after Levinson

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IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

Inquiry urged into collapse of bank shares

Alignment Knesset Member Haim Ramon yesterday called for a parliamentary committee of inquiry into the collapse of the bank shares. The vote on his motion was deferred, in accordance with a Likud faction request that no controversial motions be voted on yesterday because many of its members were at the meeting of the Zionist General Council.

Ramon said that Treasury spokesmen, in objecting to an inquiry, explain they want to save whatever confidence the public still has in the banks.

He charged that the real reason was their fear that an independent inquiry would reveal the primary responsibility fell on the Treasury and the Bank of Israel. So they want to sweep all this under the carpet, Ramon charged.

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman noted in his reply that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has suggested in a letter to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad that the Ministerial Economic Committee appoint a committee "to clarify the facts" regarding the collapse of the bank shares.

Kaufman proposed that the motion be referred to the Finance Committee, but Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-Citizens Rights Movement) pointed out that a motion for a parliamentary committee of inquiry is either rejected or voted on after a full-scale plenary debate.

Project Renewal funds
Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut) yesterday demanded that the

government budget the funds needed to finance social programmes for 13 new neighbourhoods in Project Renewal. He said it had promised to allocate these funds two years ago.

He said that Construction and Housing Minister David Levy should have pressed for the required \$5 million in the cabinet. "Levy should deal with Project Renewal not with events in Syria, Lebanon or anything else," Shitrit said.

Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Moshe Katsav devoted most of his reply to a recapitulation of the achievements of Project Renewal.

On the point raised by Shitrit, he said that although no one is happy about the budget cuts, "we must all get used to the present economic constraints."

Katsav proposed that the matter be referred to committee. But when Aharon Nahmias (Alignment-Labour) moved that the Knesset hold a full-scale debate on the subject, the Speaker announced that the vote would be deferred.

Ashkelon-Ashdod road

Transport Minister Haim Corfu announced yesterday that work would be begun in fiscal 1984 on widening and improving the 20-kilometre Ashkelon-Ashdod highway. This is one of the country's "red" or extremely dangerous roads, and it was here that four residents of Bnei Brak were killed this week.

Corfu was replying to urgent motions for the agenda on the steep rise in road accident victims presented by Shmuel Halper (Agudat Yisrael) and Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment-Labour). Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) and Haim Druckman (Mitzad) were also scheduled to speak on the same subject, but they were not present.

Corfu said that the job would take between two and three years, and would cost IS60-70 million shekels at December 1983 prices. About six and a half kilometres were scheduled for widening in fiscal 1984, he said.

Friday night news show

Geula Cohen (Tehiya) yesterday urged the Broadcasting Authority to screen the TV weekly news magazine, *Yoman Hashavua*, on an evening other than Friday.

She said that this was one of the most important programmes of the week, and it was not fair to prevent Sabbath-observing Jews from viewing it. (She noted — "I don't say it proudly" — that she herself does watch TV on Friday evening.)

At the very least, Cohen said, the programme should be re-broadcast in full on Saturday night, rather than only selections as was done a few years ago. She praised the Kol Yisrael for repeating during the week all significant radio programmes broadcast on Friday evening.

Deputy Education and Culture Minister Miryam Glazer-Ta'asa agreed that the Orthodox were being short-changed. She transmitted

the Broadcasting Authority's comments that if the news magazine were shifted to Saturday night, most of the preparation would have to be done on Shabbat.

The authority also says that 80 per cent of all TV owners watch television on Friday nights and Saturday nights, so that it would be impractical to re-broadcast the programme on Saturday night.

Glazer-Ta'asa expressed the hope that the authority would find a way to repeat the programme, if not on Saturday night then on Sunday.

Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut) moved that the motion be struck from the agenda. Shifting the programme from Friday evening would deepen the split between the Orthodox and secularists. The Knesset should not interfere with the scheduling of the Broadcasting Authority, he said. The vote was deferred.

Names of suspects

The House referred to the Knesset Law Committee a private members bill by Shevah Weiss (Alignment-Labour) and Eliezer Kulas (Likud-Liberals) prohibiting the publication of a suspect's name before a judge has ordered his detention, unless the suspect agreed.

Weiss noted that a similar bill by then MK Chaim Herzog was discussed at length in the Law Committee, but never reached its second reading.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim welcomed the initiative taken by the sponsors and agreed that the bill go to committee.



Students at the Hebrew University's School of Social Work collect signatures yesterday for greetings to be sent to Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky on the occasion of his 36th birthday. The students who organized the project assist Israeli families of refusedniks in the Soviet Union. At right is Avraham Harman, chancellor of the university and president of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry.

Legal steps possible in museum affair

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Interior Ministry may recommend legal action against persons responsible for allowing construction projects at the Ha'aretz Museum to proceed without building permits.

Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky told a press conference here yesterday that from documents he has seen from the district planning and building commission, the expansion work at the museum was definitely illegal.

He said the ministry would examine the conduct of the municipality and of the museum administration in connection with the illegal building, and said that appropriate measure would be taken.

He indicated that he would consult with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, and the suggestion was that Mayor Shlomo Lahat and museum director Rehavam Ze'evi could bear responsibility in the matter.

Commenting on Lahat's preventing the municipal control committee from obtaining information on the affair and debating whether to ask the city controller to investigate it, Kubersky said: "Everything that happens in the city is the business of the control committee and it should have the authority to decide what it wants to investigate."

Kollek will be chairman of '84 Han fund campaign

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has agreed to serve as chairman for the 1984 fundraising campaign of Han (the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children). The proceeds of the drive, which begins on January 30, will go to institutions involved in care and rehabilitation.

AMBULANCE. — The Orthodox-run hospital being built in Bnei Brak will shortly receive its first ambulance, the gift of a London Jewish family, after the Health Ministry recommended that the usual customs duties be waived. Among other things, on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days, when it will be driven by a non-Jew, it will be used to bring to hospital women about to give birth and who would rather not ride in a vehicle driven by a Jew on the holy day.

MK Gil: Education system spurs hate

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Israel's education system incites Jewish youngsters against Arab youngsters and Jews therefore grow up hating Arabs, Labour Knesset Member Ya'acov Gil said yesterday in the Knesset Interior Committee. The Education and Culture Ministry must bear the blame, he said.

Gil said the tension generated by the official educational approach is further compounded by rabbinical protests against Arabs living in neighbourhoods inhabited by Arabs and Jews as mixed areas since 1948.

On top of all that, Gil said, some nationalist Jews advocate the expulsion of Israeli Arabs from their homes.

The Interior Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, David Agmon, told the committee that the Jerusalem Arabs regard the Birkat Avraham yeshiva in the Old City's Moslem quarter as a trouble spot. "They fear that the yeshiva students are planning pogroms against the local Arabs," Agmon said.

He said the education system must implant an awareness among Jewish pupils that Jews and Arabs have to co-exist peacefully in this country in cooperation and understanding.

Southern District Police chief, Commander Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, told the committee that since the grenade attacks on Moslem and Christian institutions in Jerusalem, the police units guarding the Temple Mount have been reinforced.

MKs rap Aloni on IDF document

Post Knesset Correspondent

Alignment Knesset Member Shulamit Aloni's disclosure of a secret Israel Defence Forces document referring to policy in Southern Lebanon in the Knesset plenum on Tuesday has prompted Tehiya's Geula Cohen to table a private members' bill limiting an MK's

parliamentary immunity where secret documents are concerned.

In reply, Aloni issued a statement saying that she had merely quoted sections of the IDF document, which had appeared earlier in *Ha'aretz* after being passed by the IDF press censor.

Aloni said it was her job as an MK to warn against further tragedy and bloodshed in Lebanon.

Earlier, Aloni's Alignment colleague, Micha Harish, wrote a letter to Aloni telling her she had dramatized the public controversy over Lebanon in an inadmissible manner, without promoting the issue itself. Harish wrote that Aloni had merely provided a new weapon for those who oppose withdrawal from Lebanon.

Israelis can testify on 'desaparecidos'
Israel residents who wish to give testimony or submit material in the matter of the *desaparecidos* can do so at the Argentine Embassy or at the Foreign Ministry for transmission to Argentina.

This was announced yesterday by Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky.

He added that the government relies on the promise of the recently elected Argentine government to investigate the fate of the *desaparecidos* and punish those responsible for kidnapping them.

Replying to an oral parliamentary question by Dov Zakin (Alignment-Mapam), Shilansky said that the Israel embassy in Buenos Aires would follow developments and report to the Foreign Ministry.

Shilansky noted that the Argentine embassy here had already taken testimony and transmitted it to the Buenos Aires government.

Debate next week on settlement halt

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

A call by two Liberal doves in the Likud to freeze Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria on financial grounds will be debated in the Knesset plenum next Monday afternoon.

After the coalition executive denied permission to Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman to present their motion as urgent, the two decided to present the issue as a regular motion, for which no permission is required.

The two Shinui Knesset members, Amnon Rubinstein and Mordechai Virshupski, will also put their names to the motion.

Berman told *The Jerusalem Post* that he will base his argument mainly

on economic grounds and will not inject any political element related to the West Bank Arabs or King Hussein's role. However, Berman said, he would outline both sides of the debate among strategy experts about the value of settlements as a bulwark against terrorist assaults on Israel.

Cooperation between the two Liberals and the two Shinui MKs is expected to increase as the future of the coalition becomes increasingly clouded.

Namir hits gov't plans to close youth centres

Post Knesset Correspondent

The government's plans to close 15 youth and cultural centres in disadvantaged areas inside the pre-1967 borders and build 13 new centres in Judea and Samaria instead were criticized yesterday by Education and Culture Committee chairman Ora Namir (Alignment-Labour).

Aharon Harel (Alignment-Labour), whose motion about the centres was being discussed in the

committee, said the pressure to open the new centres in Judea and Samaria at the expense of the old centres in Israel came directly from Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and Construction and Housing Minister David Levy.

Mohammed Wadat (Alignment-Mapam) said that if the government refused to build youth centres for neglected Arab youngsters, the only recourse would be to mobilize funds for them from the Arab oil countries.

Gurel rebuts Interior Ministry charges

HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday hit back at allegations by the Interior Ministry that the city's financial plight is a result of the municipality's continued mismanagement.

A statement by the ministry accused City Hall of careless spending, employing too many people and being negligent in collecting municipal rates and other fees.

The ministry was responding to Gurel's assertion that the government had been withholding promised funds from Haifa for political reasons.

The mayor maintained that the ministry had failed to fulfil its

promise to consolidate the city's IS1 billion debt while Tel Aviv, whose mayor is a member of the Likud, had not met with such difficulties.

Gurel, whose Labour Party controls city council, accused the ministry of throwing sand in the public's eyes.

He said the city's financial resources had risen by nearly 1,200 per cent in real terms since the 1979-80 fiscal year, and had cut its work force by 660 employees during that period.

Gurel accused the ministry of trying to lay the blame on others in order to cover its own inability to fulfil its promises.

Herziya High School, talked about a larger educational context in which parents teach their children how to behave in public. This would include everything from crossing the street with the green light and at the crosswalk, to throwing garbage in the refuse bin and not shouting on the bus. As part of this general guide to behaviour, children would learn how to deal with strangers and how to be sensitive to those who act unusually. "Never tell a child 'do this' or 'don't do that' without explaining why," he told parents.

The assailant was discussed by Rita Glassberg, a clinical criminologist attached to the prison service. She said many of those coming to prison today on "sex crimes" are pedophiles, immature people who seek from children the warmth and affection they are unable to find with other adults. They are not dangerous, and would run away rather than use force if the child resisted.

Dr. Karmi Yosev, principal of

Depositing Bank Shares in a Savings Account

To those who held their bank shares on October 6, 1983

Long Term Deposit of Shares in Blocked Accounts

Further to the notice published on October 23, 1983, concerning the bank shares arrangement, we give below details of possibilities for long term deposit of the shares in a blocked account.

On October 20, 1983, agreements were signed between the government and the companies established for this purpose, which determined inter alia special arrangements for the bank shares listed hereunder. The agreement is intended to protect investors who wish to retain their shares as long-term investment.

Which shares are covered by the arrangements?

- Group A —
- IDB ordinary
- IDB B shares
- IDB preference shares
- IDB preference A shares
- Discount Bank
- ordinary A shares
- Discount Bank B shares
- Group B —
- Bank Leumi ordinary shares
- Union Bank ordinary shares
- Group C —
- Bank Hapoalim ordinary bearer shares
- Bank Hapoalim ordinary registered shares
- Group D —
- General Bank, ordinary A shares
- Group E —
- Mizrahi Bank registered shares
- Mizrahi Bank bearer shares
- Finance and Trade Bank IS1 registered shares
- Finance and Trade Bank IS5 registered shares

What are the terms of the arrangements?

The above bank shares may be deposited in a blocked account; at the conclusion of the deposit period, the shareholder will receive the value of the shares on October 6, 1983, plus the

dollar linkage increment and dollar linked interest. Under the arrangements shareholders will receive the dollar value of their investment, plus profits, in accordance with the Government's commitment.

Who may participate in this scheme?

Everyone who meets the following four conditions:

- a. Is a private (not a corporate) investor.
- b. Is the owner of shares included in the above list
- c. Was the owner of the shares on October 6, 1983
- d. There is no charge over the shares on the day they are deposited in the blocked account.

What are the maximum sums that may be deposited in a blocked account?

A. Everyone wishing to take advantage of the arrangements may deposit shares to a value not exceeding IS 500,000 (value as on October 6, 1983). However, those owning shares of the groups listed above may deposit shares exceeding the sum of IS 500,000, provided that the value of the shares in

each of the groups, deposited by any one depositor in such an account, does not exceed IS 500,000.

B. Where a portfolio of shares is owned by more than one person, each one may deposit shares to a value of IS 500,000, the total value being IS 500,000, multiplied by the number of joint owners of the portfolio.

How long are the blocked deposit periods, and how are interest rates fixed?

A. Shares may be deposited in a 6-year blocked account (until October 31, 1989).

Those who hold the shares for a 6-year period may receive at the end of the period the shares' shekel value as on October 6, 1983 plus the dollar-linkage increment and dollar linked interest of 34% for the entire period (Adjustments will be made for distributions, such as rights issues, bonus shares or cash dividends).

B. At the end of 4 years (October 30, 1987), a blocked account depositor may sell his shares and receive their shekel value as on October 6, 1983, with the addition of the dollar linkage increment, and 12% dollar linked interest for the entire period (subject to adjustments, as mentioned above).

C. Women who reach the age of 60 by January 20, 1984, and men reaching the age of 65 by the above date who hold the shares for 2 years (until October 31, 1985) may receive the value of their shares as on October 6, 1983, in addition to the dollar linkage increment and 8% dollar linked interest for the entire period (subject to adjustments, as mentioned above).

At the conclusion of the blocked period the depositor may receive his shares back, if he so wishes, instead of receiving their value in shekels.

What is the deadline for joining the plan?

Instructions for opening a blocked account may be issued until January 20, 1984.

Details of the arrangements may be obtained at the branches of the following banks.

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Finance and Trade Bank Ltd.



American film star Elliot Gould arrived in Israel this week in connection with the world premiere of his latest film, "Across the Brooklyn Bridge." Yesterday Gould planted a tree in the Jerusalem Peace Forest, and on Tuesday he toured the Weizmann Institute with film producer Menachem Golan.

Parents 'panicking' over molesters

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 100 children in Gush Dan are sexually assaulted each year, but police, psychologists and educators urged parents at a meeting in Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening not to over-react to the situation.

Nitzav Avraham Turgeman, police commander of the Tel Aviv district, said many of the cases that find their way into the statistics of indecent acts against children are not serious. The public regards every case as if it were rare, but indecent assaults or rapes are very rare, he said. The pinch on the cheek or friendly pat, which formerly would not have been brought to the police's attention, is now reported because of the anxiety provoked by the few serious cases which have received wide publicity.

"If you ask me what to tell your children, I really don't know," he

admitted. "On one hand, we want our children to be free to move about and we don't want to scare them. On the other hand, we want them to be careful. The one practical suggestion I have for you is that parents take turns supervising groups of children at play."

Psychologist Ya'acov Rand of Bar-Ilan University said the children most in danger from sexual deviants are those who feel detached from their homes, who feel their parents do not have control over them. Parental control is psychologically necessary for a child, he said, to provide support and to set limits within which the child can function.

He added that if something does happen, the parents should be careful not to blow the incident out of proportion. They should help the child see that it was an unfortunate and unusual incident which will not affect the child's entire life.

Dr. Karmi Yosev, principal of

Herziya High School, talked about a larger educational context in which parents teach their children how to behave in public. This would include everything from crossing the street with the green light and at the crosswalk, to throwing garbage in the refuse bin and not shouting on the bus. As part of this general guide to behaviour, children would learn how to deal with strangers and how to be sensitive to those who act unusually. "Never tell a child 'do this' or 'don't do that' without explaining why," he told parents.

The assailant was discussed by Rita Glassberg, a clinical criminologist attached to the prison service. She said many of those coming to prison today on "sex crimes" are pedophiles, immature people who seek from children the warmth and affection they are unable to find with other adults. They are not dangerous, and would run away rather than use force if the child resisted.

UK wants world chemical-arms ban

LONDON. — Britain yesterday stated its support for a complete worldwide ban on chemical weapons and said Soviet proposals for a European ban appear to fall short of that aim.

Britain would carefully consider the proposals Moscow made on Tuesday, a Foreign Office spokesman said. But at first sight, "they seem to fall short of the British government's desire for an early complete ban, which would be the most effective way of freeing the whole world, not just Europe, from these weapons," he added.

The Soviet scheme, unveiled a week before a European disarmament conference opens in Stockholm, calls for Europe to be freed of chemical weapons before a global ban is attempted.

The British spokesman said the Soviet offensive chemical weapons capability represents "a serious and growing threat," in contrast to the destruction of all British chemical weapons in the late-1950s and the termination of U.S. production in 1969.

Western countries would press for a positive Soviet response to their proposals for a ban when the 40-nation committee on disarmament, which has been discussing the issue for two years, resumes talks in Geneva next Monday, he added.

In the field of non-chemical

weapons, the Soviet Union is building two new classes of nuclear-missile submarines and a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, boosting the primary strike arms of its rapidly expanding navy, Jane's *Defence Weekly* reported Tuesday.

The weekly, supplementing Jane's well-known yearbooks on military and naval developments, reported that the new Soviet subs will likely be operational in "a couple of years" with other new types "following on behind."

The largest attack submarine ever built, the twin-hulled Typhoon ballistic missile boat with a displacement of an estimated 30,000 tons, was launched at Severodvinsk in 1980. It is believed to carry 20 naval versions of the SS-20 missiles with a range of 8,046 kilometres.

The Soviets have the largest sub force in the world, with nearly 400 boats operational, half of them nuclear powered. It is believed to have another 100 in reserve.

Moscow has intensified its submarine programme in recent years, boosting its nuclear capability in tandem with a buildup of its ground-launched missile arsenal targeted on Western Europe and the Far East.

The new carrier, with an anti-submarine role, is expected to begin sea trials in late 1988 and become operational by 1990, said Jane's. It is believed it will be the first of three

such vessels and will carry fixed-wing strike planes as well as helicopters.

Near London, anti-nuclear protesters have forced postponement of the first planned training exercise for U.S. cruise missiles based in Europe, Jane's weekly said yesterday.

Jane's said cruise missiles that recently became operational in Britain have effectively been locked in by protesters who have besieged Greenham Common Air Base, 80 km. west of London.

The magazine said it had confirmed in Washington that the first off-base exercise would have taken place in the next five or six months, with cruise missile launch vehicles deploying by road in southwest England, as they would do in times of tension.

Anti-nuclear groups have made elaborate plans to snarl the cruise missile convoys if they appear, for example by lying down in front of the vehicles or blocking roads with private cars. (AP, Reuters)

Baptists blast U.S.-Vatican diplomatic ties

NEW YORK (AP). — A major Baptist group assailed President Ronald Reagan's establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Vatican Tuesday as "a dangerous and divisive precedent of government meddling in church affairs."

"For the administration to pretend that the naming of an ambassador to a church has nothing to do with religion is a ludicrous leap of logic smacking of Orwell's 1984," said James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, representing nine Baptist bodies.

Other religious groups were more tolerant — and in some instances approving — of Reagan's decision, announced Tuesday after more than 115 years in which relations with the Holy See were limited.

Crime goes up after guns made mandatory

KENNESAW, Georgia (AP). — Kennesaw, the first city in the U.S. to require residents to own and maintain firearms, was the only city in Cobb County with an increase in crime last year, statistics show.

Kennesaw experienced a 9 per cent rise in crime, according to county-wide crime statistics released by the Cobb County Police Department on Tuesday.



Twenty-seven conscientious objectors demonstrate in front of the Presidential Palace in Helsinki yesterday against the first ever imprisonment of a conscientious objector in Finland on Tuesday. His offer to perform national service instead of military service was rejected. (UPI telephoto)

Argentinian ex-president held after court appearance

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Former president Reynaldo Bignone, who presided over Argentina's recent transition to civilian rule, was placed under arrest Tuesday after testifying about his alleged part in the disappearance and presumed murder of two leftist army conscripts.

Bignone, the last president of the military dictatorship that ended December 10 with the inauguration of President Raul Alfonsín, was jailed on the orders of Buenos Aires district Judge Carlos Oliveri.

The ex-president testified for nearly four hours before being arrested. Oliveri told journalists at the downtown Palace of Justice, Bignone would be held at an unspecified military installation.

Oliveri did not say when he would continue hearing Bignone's testimony. The former president was to testify yesterday in another disappearance case in which he is an "undisputed suspect." But his arrest was considered likely to temporarily prevent his testimony in that case.

Oliveri indicted Bignone last December 20 on charges of illegal deprivation of liberty and false testimony in a case involving the 1976 disappearance of army conscripts Luis Garcia and Luis Steinberg. Both were members of the Communist Youth Federation and were serving at the National Military College, which was headed at the time by Bignone.

Peking rejects truce offer from Hanoi

PEKING (AP). — China said yesterday that Vietnam had proposed a border truce for the lunar new year but it rejected the offer and blamed the Vietnamese for sporadic border fights.

"The proposal for a so-called cease-fire is only a propaganda trick," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said at a weekly news conference.

Neither side had previously announced the Vietnamese truce offer, Chinese officials declined to say when and where it was made. But a secretary at the Vietnamese Embas-

sy, Li Guangyu, said by telephone that Vietnam presented the offer to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi on January 5.

He said the Vietnamese proposed a truce from January 30 to February 8. Both nations celebrate the lunar new year February 2.

Chinese-Vietnamese relations have been poor for more than five years because of Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea in December, 1978, a month-long border war in February, 1979, and continual frontier clashes. China also objects to Vietnam's military ties to Moscow.

50 dead in crash of Bulgarian airliner

SOFIA (AP). — A Bulgarian airliner crashed while trying to land at Sofia's airport Tuesday, killing all 50 persons on board, the official news agency BTA reported yesterday.

The Balkan Airlines TU-134

crashed after a scheduled flight from East Berlin, the agency said.

Five of the dead were crew members and the other 45 were passengers, BTA said. The cause of the accident was unknown.

S. Korea links unification talks to apology

TOKYO (AP). — South Korea said yesterday that before it would consider unification talks with North Korea, its Communist neighbour must apologize for a terrorist bombing in Burma that killed four South Korean cabinet members.

The South Korean response effectively rejected a surprise proposal by the north on Tuesday for a conference involving its government, South Korea and the U.S. in efforts to reunite the two Koreas, with each maintaining its own political system.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, at a state dinner Tuesday night in Washington honouring Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang, suggested a four-way conference that would include China.

Although North Korea's Communist regime has long demanded reunification of the two Koreas, Tuesday's offer was the first time it was known to have suggested that South Korea be included in talks.

Its previous demand has been for direct negotiations with the U.S. to replace the armistice agreement with a permanent peace treaty, excluding any role for the Seoul government, which North Korea contends is illegitimate.

The offer sent the South Korean government into a hurried consultation.

"In order to create conditions for peace and provide the foundation for national reconciliation, the North Korean authorities must, first of all, officially or unofficially, admit, apologize for and punish those responsible for the Burma incident," South Korea's Unification Minister Sohn Jae Shik told reporters yesterday after the meetings.

South Korea and Burma have blamed North Korea for the bomb attack in Rangoon last October 9 in which 21 persons, including four cabinet ministers accompanying President Chun Doo Hwan on a

Zhao asks for more aid from U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang yesterday urged members of the U.S. Congress to change the law that forbids developing communist nations from receiving trade and other economic aid from the U.S.

The 64-year-old head of state, in the second day of a visit to Washington, made the request to about two dozen House members gathered in a Capitol reception room and later met with the Senate's majority and minority leaders, Republican Howard Baker Jr. and Democrat Robert Byrd.

Majority whip Thomas Foley, (Democrat-Washington) told reporters after the private portion of Zhao's 45-minute meeting with the House members that the leader brought up China's "interest in receiving additional trade and other economic assistance from the United States."

Foley said Zhao "mentioned the fact that provisions of existing law prevent developing countries that are classified as communist countries from receiving any assistance and they hoped that matter would be reconsidered by the Congress."

In his public remarks, Zhao acknowledged that some wide differences continue between the two countries, but he said he hoped that "with increased contacts and frank exchange of views," some of these may be narrowed.

"I believe that you, too, would not like to see setbacks and regressions in Chinese-U.S. relations," he added through an interpreter. Good relations not only are in the interests of the two nations, but also "have a bearing on the greater issue of world peace and stability," he said. "Let us make concerted efforts toward this end."

President Reagan said on Tuesday night that the U.S. and China "stand on common ground" in the quest for peace and opposition to Soviet expansionism. But Zhao said the relationship "is far below the level it should have attained."

Reagan assured his guest that "we stand ready to nurture, develop and build upon the many areas of accord to strengthen the ties between us."

Zhao said his talks with Reagan "showed that there are common points as well as differences between us. However, the important thing is the desire shared by both sides to develop our relations."

Meantime, the 64-year-old Chinese head of state sharply criticized the U.S. for its tenacious loyalty to Taiwan, calling it the "principal obstacle" to the growth of closer relations between Washington and Peking.

PAPAL VISIT. — Pope John Paul II is to make a two-day visit to Thailand after a trip to South Korea next May, a Roman Catholic Church spokesman said yesterday.

Sports

Maccabi's test

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv's basketball team will play tonight to Bosnia Sarajevo at the Yad Elyahu Stadium, the match beginning at 8.30 p.m. This is their third round game in the European Cup championships.

The home squad will be seeking their first win in the competition, and must have a victory to keep alive their slender hopes of winning another European Cup.

On the credit side, Maccabi is coming off the second place they took in the annual London tourney, as well as a smashing State Cup quarter-final triumph over Bnei Tel Aviv on Monday night. The whole team have been playing much improved basketball lately, and all the players are determined to win tonight's key game.

The Yugoslavs lost a league game on Saturday night, but, as against that, their morale in the European Cup championship got a tremendous boost by their victory over Cantu, last year's champions.

Israel Television will telecast the game live.

In Trieste, Italy's Trieste came from behind to beat Tours 73-60 in a Korce Cup quarter-final group "B" basketball match that was scored a off-court violence here last night.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Tours trainer and occasional player Jacques Kachanoski was arrested by police after he took out at his own manager, Michael Sharp, by knocking him unconscious.

The incident overshadowed what until then had been a closely-fought match in which Tours led in the edge.

Changes are not being pressed.

Masters opens

NEW YORK (Reuter). — In the opening matches of the Masters event, a 19-year-old American, John Higgs, beat the 19-year-old American, John Higgs, 6-3.

In the \$150,000 Women's Tournament, Oakland, Marjorie Mathews took the lead by beating 6-2, 6-4. Horvath was the last player to overcome Navratilova — in the French Open, May.

No giant-killers

LONDON (AP). — Two potent giant-killers, Sheffield United and Bristol City, were knocked out of the English Football Association Cup on Tuesday night by their First Division opponents.

In a night of seven Third Round replays, Birmingham beat Third Division United 0 and North County overcame Sheffield City 2-1 in the two all-First Division games. Wolves beat Luton 4-3 and Wolves drew 1-1 at Coventry after extra time, leading to a four-goal game on New Year's Monday. In the replays, Newport were beaten at home 1-0 by Plymouth, Swindon downed Carlisle 3-1 at Swindon and Leeds drew 1-1, both goals coming in extra time. Thus Swindon, valiant in their fight to avoid relegation, were kept in the game by a 1-0 victory over Carlisle. In the other two replays, Ipswich beat 1-0, and Port Vale beat 1-0.

Utah Jazz hit up

NEW YORK (AP). — The Utah Jazz were the 13th straight home game in the National Basketball Association, and moved their record up 23-12 for the season with a 107-98 victory over the Phoenix Suns, who have lost five in a row elsewhere. It was Los Angeles 134, Houston 132 in overtime; Atlanta 103, Golden State 101; Cleveland 116, Milwaukee 114; Chicago 116, Indiana 104; Kansas City 112, Dallas 102; San Diego 111, San Diego 106; and Portland 133, S. Antonio 120.

Sportoto tips

Only seven investors got all 13 results right last week's Sportoto football pool and will benefit to the tune of \$52,570,000. Two results were worth \$37,000. Sportoto announced a \$250m. payout after this Saturday's State Cup games, which involve National League teams for the first time.

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Hap. Hadera vs. Mac. Jaffa	1
Hap. Beersheva vs. Hap. R.G.	1
Hap. PT vs. Amudor	X
Be'er Jita vs. Be'er Hazer	1
Hap. Acre vs. Hap. Lod	2
Hap. K. Shmona vs. Mac. PT.	2
Mac. Netanya vs. B. Netanya	1
Be'er Ramle vs. Hakoah	2
Mac. TA vs. Mac. Beersheva	1
Hap. Veldhuis vs. Hap. Hadera	X
Be'er Hadera vs. Hap. TA.	2

GRAY'S BUSINESSMAN'S SQUASH LEAGUE	
RESULTS — Saturday, Jan. 7, 1984	
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17.30 Somersaults — with Dalia and Talip
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup
18.35 Situation
18.45 Cartoons
19.00 Meeting — current affairs
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES: resume at 20.00 with Mabat Newsreel
20.30 To be announced
21.00 News summary
21.20 To be announced
21.40 Eilat Peron — part 3 of a 4-part mini-series on the life of Eilat Peron. Starring Faye Dufay and James Farentino
22.50 Sofa Discussion
23.30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Carrots 17.30 (TV 3) Maccabi
18.00 French Hour 19.00 News in French
19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Benson 21.10 St. Elsewhere
22.00 News in English 22.15 Movie of the Week
MIDDLE EAST TV (in North only):
13.00 Shape-Up 13.30 Westbrook Hospital 14.00 Another Life 14.30 700 Club 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Flying House 18.00 Laramie 19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30 World News Tonight 21.00 Entertainment Special WKRP Cincinnati 21.30 60 Minutes 22.30 Sarajevo 23.30 20 Club 23.50 News Update

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Rosini: Wilhelm Tell Overture (IPO, Mehta); Walton: Façade, suite; Tchaikovsky: Capriccio Italien, Op.45 (IPO, Mehta); Brahms: Serenade No.1, Op.11 (Concertgebouw, Heitink); Don Banks: Violin Concerto (Yifrah Ne'eman, Royal Philharmonic, Del Mar); Dvorak: Symphony No.9 (Chicago, James Levine); Haydn: Symphony No.59; C.P.E. Bach: Cello Concerto (Lyana Harel, Zukerman); Martin: Toccata; Glazunov: Concerto for Saxophone; Prokofiev: Symphony No.5 (IPO, Bernstein)
12.00 Regional Kell, clarinet — Mozart, Serenade, K.388; Beethoven: Clarinet Trio, Excerpts from Clarinet Quintet by Mozart and Brahms; Stravinsky: 3 Pieces for Clarinet Solo; Excerpts from pieces by Kreuder
13.05 Music with a light accent — from the works of Ami Mayani, Donizetti, Weber, Albeniz, Rimsky-Korsakov, Wagner, Ravel, Monteverdi and examples of Spanish Zarzuela
15.00 The History of Music
15.30 Youth Programme
16.30 Uriel Zachor, Piano — Beethoven: 15 Variations and Fugue, Op.35 (Erica); Mozart: Adagio, K.540; Liszt: Stanzas Mezerles, Ravel: Pavane; Schubert: Wanderer Fantasy, D.760
18.00 Music Magazine
19.05 Famous Artists in Historical Performance (repeat)
20.00 Concert Preview
20.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Ernest Bour conducting; Alexander

Kaganowsky, cello; Yigal Teneh, violin — Haydn: Symphony No.70; Tchaikovsky: Rocco Variations; Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No.2; Rostropovich: Symphony No.3
23.00 The Little Chronicle of Anna Magdalena Bach (part 5, repeat)
00.10 Musical Miniatures
First Programme
6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Light Classical Music
9.30 Encounter — live family and social affairs magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.00 School Broadcasts
12.00 Education for all
12.05 Sephardi songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.30 Speaker's Podium
15.55 News on a New Book
16.05 Middle East Crossroads
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Bailei Hilaro
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Nostalgic songs
23.05 A Friend from the Same Planet
Second Programme
6.12 Communitas
6.30 Editorial Review
6.55 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 House 111
9.05 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday News Commentary, music
14.05 Matters of Interest — with Gabi Lavi
16.10 Safe Journeys
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
18.05 Questions
18.47 Today in Sport
19.05 Today — radio newscast
19.30 This Week in the Newsnet
20.15 Hebrew songs
20.30 Radio Ball
20.45 Live broadcast from Yad Hachai — the match between Macabi Tel Aviv and Bnei Barak, Yagudvina
22.05 Jewish songs
23.05 Night Games
Army
6.06 Morning Sounds
7.07 — with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsnet
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef
11.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yerael
13.05 Two Hours
13.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
14.05 Four in the Afternoon
15.05 Evening Newsnet
16.05 Economics Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Israeli Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat — TV Newsreel
21.15 Israeli songs
22.05 Popular songs
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Ronnie Toren

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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Lone Wolf Macquade; Edison: Sahara; Hahab: Return Home 6.45, 9.15; Kfir: Who Will Love My Childhood; Mithel: I Love You Carmen 7.15, 9.15; Amn from Argentina: Ours The Conquero; Ron Vol 4, 7, 9.15; Soudary: Sophie's Choice 6.45, 9.15; Blaynes: Hahaha: To Begin Again 7, 9; Cinema One: Gandhi 6.45, 9.15; Cinema Two: West Side Story 7; Million Dollar Legs 7.30 (small hall); Switchboard Operator 9.30.
TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Alley: Aunt from Argentina; Be-Yelad: Lone Wolf Macquade; Cinema 1: Trading Places 4.30, 7.30; Cinema 2: Oficer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7.30; Cinema 3: Blue Thunder 4.30, 7.30; Cinema 4: Cannery Row 4.30, 7.30; Cinema 5: Pevho II 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Cinema One: Baby Love; Cinema Coup de Foudre; Cinema Star Chamber 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: Empire 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Table for Five 9.30; See film, midnight; Esther: Adieu L'Am: Gati: Love You Carmen; Gerdos: Requiem for a Fool; Hade Sahar: Lev: Monty Python's Meaning of Life 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Lev II: Local Hero 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Limer: Zorba the Greek 4.30, 6.45, 9.30; Maxine: Looking for Mr. Goodbar; Megabi: The Entity 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Orly: Deadly Summer 4.15, 7.30, 9.30; Paris: Days of Eden 10, 12.4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: Murielle Randonnee; Shalal: Flash Dance; Shalei: Who Will Love My Childhood; Shalei: Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence; Tel Aviv: Mame: Muddy River; Zafon: Vivent Dina 7.15, 9.30

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Enigma; Armon: Aunt from Argentina; Atzma: Adieu L'Am; Cinema Flash Dance; Merlali: World According to Garp 6.30, 9; Orah: Sahara; Orion: House on the Rocks 6.30; Orly: The Way We Were 6.30, 9; Peer: Trading Places; Rev: Revenge of the Ninja; Shavit: Heat and Dust 6.45, 9
RAMAT GAN
Armon: I Love You Carmen 7, 9.30; Tom Sawyer 4, 7.15, 9.30; Orah: Trading Places 7, 9.30; Tom Thumb 4; Orion: Deadly Summer 7.15, 9.30; Boy Takes Girl 4; Ramat Gan: Gabriella 7.15, 9.15
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David: Aunt from Argentina 7.15, 9.30; Night: Trading Places 7.15, 9.30; For Your Eyes Only 4; Savoy: Coogan's Bluff 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

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Zionism in action

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

A CHICKEN and a cow were standing in the farmyard discussing what they could give the farmer for his birthday. It was a major problem, considering their limited resources.

"Why don't we give him a nice plate of steak and eggs?" suggested the chicken.

Replied the cow: "That's easy for you to say. For you it's only a contribution, but for me it's a total commitment."

With that anecdote, leaders of the South African Zionist Federation made a farewell to Yitzhak Kalmanowitz, their chairman, who had decided to take the plunge and settle in Israel with his wife and three children.

"I'm not leaving," Kalmanowitz, 48, a senior partner in his accounting firm, told them. "I'm going home."

Kalmanowitz thus became the sixth chairman of the Zionist Federation (out of 12) to settle in Israel. Soft-spoken and self-effacing, he was chairman of the federation for five years before his aliyah. Previously, he was active in Hahonim.

Although many Jewish organizational leaders in the Diaspora miss the limelight once they come on aliyah, Kalmanowitz says he is looking forward to the anonymity of being a new settler.

AFTER MANY VISITS to Israel, the Kalmanowitzs decided finally last year to make the move. And in the course of a trip last April, they found an apartment and schools for their three teenage children — Debbie, Shifra and David.

"It was very difficult emotionally for the children to say goodbye to their friends," says Kalmanowitz, who also left many close friends behind. But luckily, they have the support of a number of relatives who live here, as well as other former South Africans who came earlier.

They have suffered very little from the pains of the bureaucracy. Initial processing at Ben-Gurion Airport when they arrived last month was so quick — only a few minutes — they could hardly believe it. They are now living with relatives until they move into their apartment in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem quarter.

In the meantime, Kalmanowitz has received a number of job offers, but he would eventually like to move out of accountability, which he did not very much enjoy. He hopes, once he is settled, to work as an adviser for South African Jews who want to invest in Israel, and for Israelis of various origins who have

investments abroad. His wife, a schoolteacher, also hopes to find a job in Jerusalem.

Their major goal now is to learn Hebrew. Kalmanowitz and his wife are enrolled at Ulpan Etzion, where they will study for six months. Although they can manage with their English, they are aware that without fluent Hebrew, they will never be fully integrated Israelis.

HAVING VISITED Israel several times, Kalmanowitz does not come with rose-coloured spectacles. He knows the strengths and the weaknesses of Israeli society. His aliyah emissaries, he says, were very helpful, presenting a "factual picture rather than a glossy view."

Some 500 immigrants arrived in Israel from South Africa last year — quite an increase from the 300-plus during 1982.

Many Jews are worried about the increasing strength of right-wing groups in South Africa. Others are concerned about the long-term future of their children.

Although an equal number of Jewish emigrants from South Africa move to England, Canada and the U.S. rather than Israel, many of those who decide against aliyah are having difficult times.

"All my friends who went elsewhere are having a rough time," says Kalmanowitz. "They don't face language difficulties, but they are encountering cultural and job difficulties."

Yet while there is concern among South African Jews over their situation, "there is no panic."

Aliya is a difficult step because "it's hard to uproot oneself. And language is a big stumbling block."

The South African Zionist Federation tried many times, he says, to institute *ulpanim* for Hebrew study in South Africa, but they weren't successful since there was no reinforcement after the lessons ended.

South African Jews, who generally are wealthy and have servants, do have an easy life. But somehow, says Kalmanowitz, when they leave the country, they manage to adapt to a life with fewer luxuries. "They are an industrious and self-reliant people. Maybe they manage so well elsewhere because they want to prove they can make it despite their background."

What will he miss most about South Africa? "Our friends," says Kalmanowitz without hesitation. What does he most look forward to in Israel? "Enjoying some of the benefits of Israel's excellent cultural life, which I never had time for in South Africa."

clear to bring out all the counter-puntal fineries Haydn wove into the score.

Two first-deskers of the JSO appeared as soloists. Yigal Tunes chose the wrong music for his performance. He plays with a clean and firm technique, his bowing produces a very nice tone quality, and he attends to all details. But his musical approach is contrary to Prokofiev's spirit, and his temperament tends to that kind of restraint that makes for too even and dull a presentation. Never have I heard this witty, somewhat grotesque, tongue-in-cheek music performed with such straightlaced earnestness.

Quite the opposite were the *Rococo Variations* which Alexander Kaganovsky attacked with an attractive attitude. His cello produces

THE REINSTATEMENT of Major Sa'ad Haddad and the restoration of all his rights by the Lebanese High Court a fortnight ago must have been gratifying to the seriously ill 47-year-old officer, his family and friends.

Cynics in well-informed Israeli military circles and in Southern Lebanon agree, however, that in adopting the resolution the Lebanese authorities may have had some more practical considerations in mind.

Beirut, so The Jerusalem Post was told, was less concerned with redressing a possible wrong than making a move towards obtaining renewed control of Southern Lebanon, with the possible agreement of and even cooperation with Israel.

Haddad's reinstatement not only brings the major back into the fold of the Lebanese Army; it is also seen as a first step towards the reincorporation of Haddad's militia, which seceded from the official Lebanese Army on April 18, 1979, when Haddad and his supporters proclaimed the independent "Republic of Free Lebanon."

The final break with Beirut came after the Lebanese Army sent a battalion southwards (in compliance with Syrian pressure) in order to put an end to Haddad's control of three enclaves along Israel's borders (Marjayoun, Rameh and Alma e-Shab), all of which were surrounded by the PLO. Communication between these three areas was possible only by crossing and recrossing into Israeli territory.

ONE SCENARIO foreseen in Marjayoun is that the Lebanese government will nominate an officer to replace Haddad, singling out someone who will be acceptable to the southern villagers — Shi'ites and Maronites — and also to Israel. It will probably be an officer who has received military training in Israel, or who has had at least some contact with the IDF.

This attempt by Beirut to regain control over Southern Lebanon by the back door may, it has been suggested, have American support. Some sources have even gone so far as to suggest that the idea may have been an American one in the first place. Such an undertaking would, at least from the point of view of

UNTIL THE EARLY 1960s, all schools in Israel were built in virtually identical form by government order — all classrooms off one long corridor and facing north for diffused light.

The dramatic changes that have occurred since then were the subject of an international conference held recently in Jerusalem under the auspices of the International Union of Architects.

Dr. Yael Pozner, a former director of school buildings in the Education Ministry, told participants that the building style inherited from the British mandatory authorities began to change with the beginning of educational reform in Israel. The creation of junior high schools and the goal of integration "made it interesting for architects," she said.

Haddad and Beirut

By ZE'EV SCHUL/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Maronite Church in the centre of Marjayoun.

(David Rubinger)

future American arguments, include a number of positive features, such as the built-in guarantees Israel is demanding for its northern frontiers prior to any further pull-back.

The Americans could argue that since the militia and its officers were largely Israeli-trained, equipped and paid, they could be expected to remain loyal to Israel. Israel, however, may for its part question how long this loyalty will last, once Beirut starts sending monthly pay cheques and eventually starts re-equipping the militia (which now has FN and AK-47 (Kalachnikov) rifles, Israeli-supplied artillery pieces and what was left of Israel's Sherman tanks).

HADDAD is a native of Marjayoun. The son of Catholic farmers whose family had been in the area for at least five generations, he joined the army in 1957 and subsequently graduated from a French military academy. In 1973, he took various officer-training courses in the U.S., in Fort Knox and Fort

Benning. The major is now under treatment for a debilitating disease which is reported to have affected his lungs.

Haddad was known for his opposition to "greater Syrian" ambitions, which provided for the incorporation of Lebanon into Syria. He was also fiercely opposed to the increasing incursions into Southern Lebanon by the PLO. In October 1976, Haddad was nominated commanding officer of the southern districts, the nomination coming from former president Suleiman Franjeh in person. His official assignment was to "clean up and re-establish order" in what had become known as Fatahland, where the terrorists did pretty much as they pleased, their principal victims being the Christian inhabitants of villages in Southern Lebanon.

Unofficially, Haddad was also to re-recruit the many deserters from the Lebanese Army who had fled from their units in central and Northern Lebanon in order to come to the aid of their persecuted kinsmen.

The fight against the terrorists escalated and eventually climaxed in the Litani operation in March, 1978. In this operation, the IDF advanced to the Litani river on the central and eastern fronts, clearing out terrorist bases. Israel withdrew in June, leaving Haddad in control of an area extending for some 120 km. from Shuba in the east to Ras a-Beida on the coast.

Haddad's cooperation with Israel reached its zenith at about that time. But even the Shi'ite Moslems and the Maronite communities agreed to overlook their differences and join forces against the PLO units which had for so many years terrorized the area, shooting, raping and generally behaving like medieval warlords.

COOPERATION with the IDF was not based only on safeguarding the villagers' physical existence; there were also material aspects, such as Israel's free medical treatment available to all the inhabitants of Free Lebanon. Clinics were set up at the Good Fence crossing and all

those in need of more intensive care were given free hospitalization. Over 40,000 patients have been treated this side of the border.

Last year, Israel spent over \$84m. in Southern Lebanon, most of it on public works projects such as the construction and maintenance of roads, clinics and playgrounds and the provision of building materials for Palestinian refugees.

"There are no housing problems for refugees inside Southern Lebanon," Col. Shaul, in charge of civilian administration in the area, told reporters there this week. The refugees include some 30,000 Palestinians. Over 700 Lebanese citizens are employed in Israel.

The officer distinguished between the "old" and the "new" parts of "Haddadland." "Inhabitants of the old part don't want us to leave," he said. "At least, not in the near future. They are afraid of what will happen to them if we go." This applies equally to the Shi'ite and the Christian communities. Their cooperation with Israel was total, and included security and even intelligence work. The situation is different in the "new" area, but there too the mood could be changed if investments and aid projects were implemented, on the scale of those carried out in the south.

Haddad, his wife Therese and their six daughters live in a simple, flat-roofed structure clinging to a mountainside on the outskirts of Marjayoun. The family have moved into the basement of the faded pink house; it's safer. There are roadblocks, sentries and an observation post on the roof.

A young woman came out of the house as we approached.

"I'm just a neighbour," she said. "We all pray for him. He's a big better today. No, we don't want to think about what will happen after Sa'ad Haddad. We don't want it to happen."

Somebody has erected a little glass and aluminium shrine in front of the building, it is topped by a large crucifix. Inside the glass construction is a picture of the Madonna and Child.

I saw a young Israeli with a *kippa* open the glass door. "What is he doing?" I asked. It was told. "He's just relighting a candle that has gone out."

"In contrast, a fair-to-poor staff will work adequately within a conventional building but will most likely fail to function in a more sophisticated environment. Their skills will fail whenever maximum virtuosity is required."

Israel's pluralistic society, said Cassuto, demands solutions less individualistic than those promoted by Western societies. "Our approach stems from a desire to develop a cohesive society which can function with common motivation even under the most adverse conditions."

Although UNESCO normally sends representatives to the organization's working sessions, it did not send anyone to the Jerusalem meeting. The discussions were chaired by Israeli architect David Reznik.

was played with appropriate delicacy.

Philippe Bender was very much in his element in the presentation of the Ravel. Here he achieved good communication with the musicians, and the charming "Mother Goose," with its fairy-like atmosphere, was performed with commitment. There were also many good solo parts.

Although directed with drive by Bender, who chose bright, vivacious tempi, the reading of the ending symphony was marred by lack of synchronization in entries and a lack of sureness.

ESTHER REUTER

Class conscious

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACCORDING TO Pozner, the degree of change in the country's educational plan in the last 20 years was probably unique in the world. Mass immigration and limited means obliged the educational system to get by until then in large part with makeshift facilities, including huts.

The conference participants, including seven foreign architects and officials, were taken on a tour of new schools in Yavne, Ashdod and Beersheba. When they were shown departures from the conventional

"confrontational" classroom, an American architect said his country had, similarly, pursued non-conventional concepts but was now putting the teacher back in front of the classroom.

Pierre Denizet, director of school building for the French Ministry of Education, said that France was now in the process of relinquishing the highly centralized system that gave Paris responsibility for the construction of all secondary schools in the country.

From the beginning of next year, 7,270 such schools will be transferred from the central government to local authorities, which will then also have responsibility for building new school buildings. This, he noted, will greatly diversify school design.

ISRAELI ARCHITECT David Cassuto said that capable educators would perform satisfactorily under conventional circumstances and superbly under experimental conditions.

Impressive directness

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a rich, colourful tone, his phrasing is well-rounded, and his commitment is apparent in every line. He has the makings of a soloist, and his interpretations, one feels, will always be interesting and impressive.

Tchaikovsky received all due sentimentality, and technical demands were met with bold strokes. Ernest Bour proved to be a sympathetic and reliable collaborator.

All hell broke loose with Rousell's Third Symphony, written for Serge Koussevitsky and the Boston Symphony for its 50th anniversary. Rousell kept somewhat apart from his contemporaries in the famous group of six. His style is not easy to catalogue. His music misses, in my opinion, the charm and flexibility that characterizes French music in

general. But Ernest Bour and the orchestra joined forces in unanimity and brought this rich and contrasting programme to a rousing finale.

YOHANAN BOEHM

THE ISRAELI TRIO — Menachem Brenner, violin; Marcel Bergman, cello; Alexander Volkov, piano (Tel Aviv Museum, January 7). Haydn: Trio in E flat Major, Hob. XV, No. 3; Schumann: Trio Op. 67; Shostakovich: Trio in D minor.

THE PROGRAMME was disappointing and the performance even more so.

The Haydn is a work of limited musical interest, and the trio's performance did not justify the choice. It was a heavy, lifeless reading without stylistic identity.

The Shostakovich, was nothing

less than a disaster. The Trio Op. 67 is shameless, undisguised kitsch. The presentation by Volkov, Brenner and Bergman was characterized by stiffness and a total inability to shape the music according to an interpretative idea. The last movement was inexcusably aggressive.

In the Schumann, Brenner and Volkov left no imprint at the keyboard. Only Bergmann contributed a few nice *cantabile* passages. But what hurt most was the absence of a common musical denominator. The three created no real rapport and pursued no clear and convincing musical aim. The quintessence of Schumann, noblemindedness and poetic feeling, were completely ignored and remained hidden among the multitude of notes.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Philippe Bender (France) conducting; with Rami Bar-Niv, piano (Haifa Auditorium, January 7). Rousell: Les Fêtes d'Hébe, Saint-Saens: Concerto No. 4 in C minor for Piano and orchestra; Ravel: "Mo'ere l'love" (Mother Goose) Suite; Bizet: Symphony in C major.

THIS WAS young conductor Philippe Bender's first visit to Israel. Not all the items in his all-

French programme emerged on the same level of performance. The opening opera ballet was unsure and lacked synchronization.

Rami Bar-Niv brought to the platform the lesser-known Saint-Saens fourth piano concerto. Playing with confidence, technical skill and sonority, he gave us an enjoyable rendering of this brilliant and melodious work. It was a success with the audience. Conductor and orchestra were mostly in unison with the soloist's intentions, both in the dialogues and the colourful accompaniment. Bar-Niv added as encore Debussy's *Clair de Lune*, which

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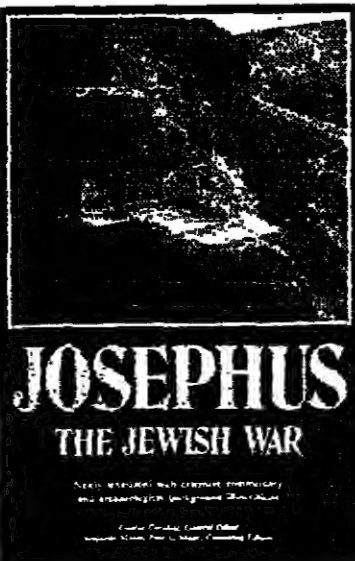
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The man behind the research bonanza is Israel Rosen \$50m. for limited partnerships

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Over a period of less than four years Israel Rosen has been directly responsible for arranging \$50 million worth of syndicated limited partnerships in the United States, whose goal it is to invest in Israeli research and development projects. The companies here, which have been the beneficiaries of the funds raised by the limited partnership include: Metalworking Laser Int'l; Ramot Purotech; Tek-Dyn; The Nuclear Research Centre in the Negev, which was engaged by Ramot Industries; and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

Other beneficiaries are Inter-Yeda; Development Company of the Weizmann Institute; Hy Laboratories; The Sorek Nuclear Research Centre in Yavneh; the Bullion Medical Centre; Industries Development Corp; Ta'as (Israel Military Defence Industries); Biotechnological Applications; and Migal Galilee Technological Centre.

Israel Laser Associates was organized to develop and manufacture a high-power laser for use in the metalworking industry. The limited partnership put up \$3.3m., while another \$3.3m. came from

long-term loans to the limited partners by the government of Israel.

Metalworking Laser International, an Israeli joint venture company, which is 50 per cent owned by Laser Industries not only concluded its R & D on schedule, but recently entered into a distribution arrangement with Kansburg, an American public company. "I am particularly pleased with this development, since it marked the first limited partnership effort back in April, 1980 and I can see that the limited partners will shortly start enjoying the benefits of their participation in this exciting project," Rosen said.

Ramot Purotech, three years after the receipt of funds for R & D, has recently obtained an order from the U.S. for 1,000 units of its portable artificial kidney. Each unit is valued at \$12,000. "As of September 1982, Ramot Purotech has been paying the partners royalties," stated Rosen.

The Jerusalem Medical Partners provided Teva with more than \$2.6m. to develop a number of pharmaceutical and chemical products, which include a new drug for the treatment of a variety of bone, renal and other diseases.

The Israel Bio-Engineering Project made available to Inter-Pharm Laboratories and Yeda Research and Development, \$7.7m. to assist in the development of human interferons.

A \$6m. partnership called the Galilee Engineering Project provides capital for the development of a flywheel, which is part of a transmission system for use in buses. "General Motors financed the development of this fuel-saving transmission for trucks and vans, and we are doing the same for buses," explained Rosen.

Each of the ten limited partnerships in which Rosen has acted as general partner, has been scrutinized and approved by the Chief Scientist's Office in the Industry Ministry, which matches the foreign funds.

"Behind these projects are some 500 individual investors, nearly a third of whom are non-Jews. Besides the benefits the individual companies get from these investments, Israel also stands to benefit from the subsequent increase of high technology exports. Moreover, as a result of the existence of these partnerships, 24 former Israeli families returned from the U.S. to become active participants," Rosen said.

After watches, Japan now seen moving in on Swiss chocolate

GENEVA (AP). — Switzerland's industry, already having lost much of its worldwide watch business to Japan, is faced with a fledgling Japanese challenge to another of its traditional domains — chocolate.

Industry experts seem not overly worried yet, but the *Tribune de Geneve* newspaper calls recent reports of Japanese moves into the popular world of chocolate a "shock offensive."

Under an agreement with the British company United Biscuits, Meiji Seika Kaisha, the top Japanese chocolate maker, is providing the knowhow, while its British partner is offering production facilities. A Swiss press report claimed that the Japanese knowhow was originally "inspired" by the Swiss.

The new joint enterprise is said to have an initial production target of about \$4.3 million worth of chocolate in 1984, with plans to build a factory in Calais to assure expansion on the European continent, perhaps even into Switzerland.

The news from Tokyo came as Swiss chocolate manufacturers reported continued stagnation in sales, although they have largely been spared by recession and no jobs have been lost.

To many, Switzerland, a country of 6.4 million, has been synonymous with chocolate. The Swiss supposedly consume more chocolate than any other population, topping 10 kilograms per person a year according to official statistics. This may be misleading, however, because substantial purchases by tourists are included in this figure.

De Beers succeeds in its 'Diamonds for Men' campaign Economic recovery boon to diamonds

LONDON (Reuters). — The diamond market is regaining its sparkle thanks to economic recovery in the U.S., growing demand for higher-grade gems and a trend towards diamond jewelry for men.

Christmas sales of diamond jewelry in the U.S., which buys around 30 per cent of the world's diamonds, rose an estimated 15 to 20 per cent over 1982, spokesman Richard Dixon said for the De Beers Central Selling Organization (CSO).

The London-based CSO is the marketing arm of De Beers Consolidated Mines of South Africa, which controls about 80 per cent of world diamond output.

De Beers' sales of rough gems and industrial diamonds rose 27 per cent, to \$1.6 billion last year, reversing a trend evident since the sharp fall of 1981, when sales sank to \$1.47b. from a record \$2.72b. in 1980.

High interest rates and world recession cut world demand for gems following the boom years of

1978-80, when diamonds were seen as a hedge against inflation.

An estimated 32 million pieces of diamond jewelry were sold worldwide in 1982 for a total of \$18b. Japan accounts for 19 per cent of the market, West Germany eight per cent, and the rest of Europe 13 per cent.

Some 40 per cent of retail diamond sales take place in the Christmas period, and Dixon says the number of pieces sold in Britain last Christmas is thought to be up three to five per cent on 1982, and in the more expensive ranges.

This view was borne out by Gerald Ratner, joint managing director of Ratners (Jewelers) Ltd., which has 130 shops in Britain.

Ratner says he has noticed a growing interest in jewelry for men since De Beers launched a worldwide advertising campaign under such slogans as "Diamonds from a woman to a man."

De Beers is marketing a "Diamonds for Men" collection with

items selling at £300 to £2,000 (\$420 to \$2,800).

Part of its success is due to a woman's problem in finding more original presents for a man than ties, socks or shirts, says Lia Colacicco, a market research executive for De Beers.

A survey in January 1983 showed that 21 per cent of men did not recall what their wives had given them for Christmas.

Another market doing well and which De Beers is attempting to expand through advertising is that of higher quality gems, which De Beers sells, uncut and unpolished, at between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per carat.

At this upper end of the jewelry market, De Beers uses such slogans as "One in a million" and "A carat or more" to advertise the rarity of diamond gems of more than one carat.

Only about 20 per cent of all diamonds mined are of a quality to be used in jewelry, but they account for 80 per cent of their value.

Economy move at Dhalit-Rosenfeld

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. — The Dhalit-Rosenfeld shipping company has sold one of its two bulk carriers, the 33,000-ton Dhalit, to Greek shipping interests for an undisclosed amount, company general manager Arye Ayali told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

It is part of economy measures by the company to streamline its activities in view of the world recession in shipping.

Ayali said the Dhalit, built in 1965 at a cost of \$4.5 million, had proved expensive to run in recent times.

He said that some of the Dhalit's 34-member crew would be offered alternative jobs, replacing crews on the company's foreign ships, but the rest would be made redundant.

Under the five-year contract between the company and the government, the Dhalit and the firm's other bulk carrier, the Makleff, carried grain to Israel from the U.S. and took potash back to the States. The contract, which had two years to run, has been extended by a further 18 months and all the work will be done by the 37,000 ton Makleff.

Ashdar Co. has 399 housing starts

By AARON SITTNER

Construction has begun on 399 housing units in Petah Tikva, Netanya, Yokneam and Kiryat Malachi, a spokesman for the Ashdar Building Company of Tel Aviv has announced.

In Petah Tikva, 168 flats are being built in cooperation with the Histadrut's Shikun Ovdim housing firm. A five-room, 120 square metre flat is priced at approximately \$70,000. The project consists of four seven-story buildings.

In Kiryat Malachi, Ashdar's programme calls for 68 villas. Each villa has 68 sq.m. of floor space, which can be expanded to 120 sq.m. The villas are priced at \$43,000 and purchasers with government eligibility can receive a loan of \$2.2 million from the Housing Ministry, plus complementary loans from Ashdar.

A second project in cooperation with Shikun Ovdim is the one in Netanya, where ministry loans will be available in sums of \$400,000 higher than elsewhere. There will be 118 flats in the Netanya project. Shikun Ovdim is also joining Ashdar in the Yokneam program.

me. There, 45 flats of three, four and five rooms are going up, 13 of them being built in the terraced design. All other Yokneam flats will be in four-storey structures.

Ashdar hopes the outstanding view from the Yokneam flats will be a selling point, especially for young couples wishing to live in the north close to Haifa.

Tourism Ministry wants local backing

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

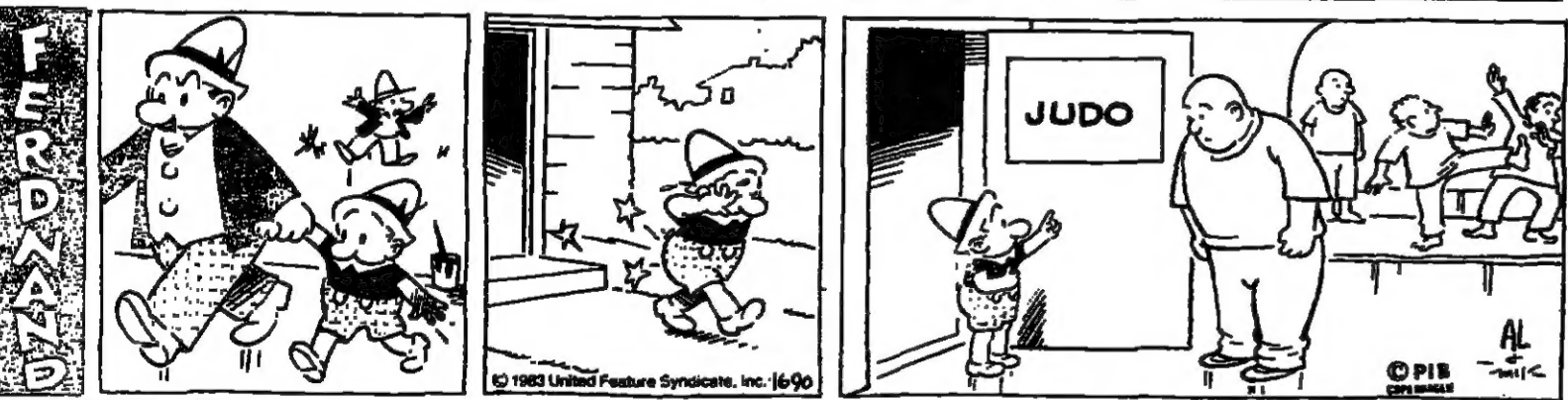
The Tourism Ministry will stop investing in areas where its efforts do not receive local backing, according to a ministry announcement yesterday.

The announcement said that letters had been sent to the mayors and heads of local councils where there has already been investment in a tourist attraction to say that no further projects will be undertaken until the local authorities undertake to abide by a number of conditions. The conditions include financial participation in work on the site, an undertaking to continue to care for

it and keep it clean and a promise to provide suitable lighting, landscaping and decor. The town or local council must also agree to embark on a campaign to encourage a positive attitude towards tourists among local residents.

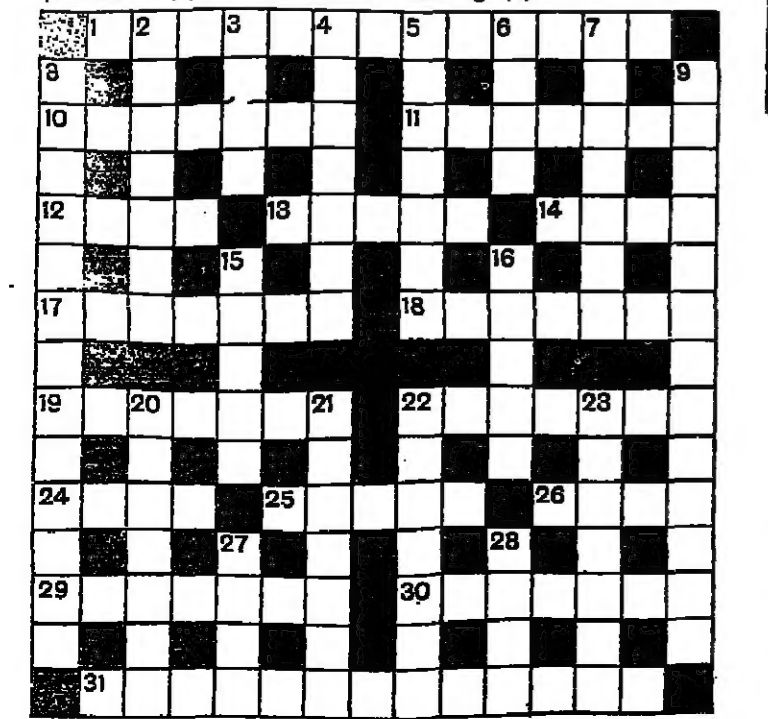
Efraim Ronen, head of the Government Tourist Development Corporation, which provides the funds for government investment in tourist sites, was quoted as saying that "we won't put any money into a locale in which the attitude toward tourists is not positive."

Among the major investments in recent years were boardwalks in Eilat and at the Dead Sea.



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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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DOWN: 1 Commissioned soldier, 2 Flatler, 3 Herd of sheep, 4 Speech impediment, 5 Brushwood, 6 Sotto voce remark, 9 Alarming, 14 Bottle top, 15 Cattle pest, 16 Rot away, 18 Drench with boiling water, 20 Political organisation, 21 Fast.

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HURT.

Market improvement continues

TEL AVIV. — It was just another session of quiet trading on the exchange yesterday, but as one observer was prompt to point out, prices were moving in an upward direction. The General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, recorded a 1.05 per cent advance. Turnovers were thin and totalled barely over the IS400 million. Financial institutions and oil equities were lower, but all other groups performed in what could only be described as a positive manner.

The bank shares which are part of the agreement with the Treasury were for the greater part unchanged as the Bank of Israel continued its intervention. Discount A, however, was 1.2 per cent lower, while United Mizrahi Banker was up by 5.3 per cent.

In the bankholding section Danot 1 was 9.6 per cent higher, while 5 shares were down by 7.3 per cent. Mortgage bank issues were either unchanged or moved slightly higher. Binyan rose by 4.6 per cent, but Adasim eased by 2.5 per cent. Specialized financial institution stocks were clearly lower. Federation of Contractors was down by 10 per cent and was followed by

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Shilton, which absorbed an 8.7 per cent drop.

Insurance issues were mixed, but on balance moved higher. Zion Holdings 1 was up by 10 per cent, while Ararat 0.5 fell by a similar figure. Ararat 0.1 advanced 7.9 per cent, while Aryeh fell by 9.6 per cent.

The service and trade group moved in an upward direction. Clal Trade picked up 9.9 per cent, while Bonded Warehouses sprinted ahead by a full 10 per cent. Lighterage 0.1 picked up 10.1 per cent. Mashov, a recent newcomer to the market, was dropped for a 15.3 per cent loss.

Land development and real estate stocks also moved higher on a sectoral basis. This did not stop a number of shares from being clipped for painful losses. Amnionim was a case in point as it fell by 14.8 per cent, while Mishel was down by 10.2 per cent. Property & Building was nearly two per cent

lower. Bayside 0.1, a P & B subsidiary, picked up 4.9 per cent. Industrials were one of the better performing groups. On a sectoral basis the shares advanced by 1.35 per cent. Atlas was 10.1 per cent higher. Gold Frost 1 was "sellers only" for the second session and will trade today without any price restraints. The Gold Frost 5 shares, in sharp contrast, advanced by 9.3 per cent.

United Spinners 1 was a 3 per cent riser, but Vitalgo was 10 per cent lower. Lodzia 0.1 was a 10 per cent winner. The Urdan group of securities was in good form, with the shares rising by 5 and 9.5 per cent. The Urdan option rose by 10 per cent.

Arit advanced by 5.5 per cent. Elron Electronics edged 1.6 per cent higher, while Elbit Computers was fractionally ahead. Clal Electronics gained 7.9 per cent, as Spectronix 1 zipped ahead by 10 per cent set back, but Paper Mills advanced by 1.8 per cent. Clal Industries rose 4.1 per cent.

Investment company shares were among the best performers on the market. However, Elgar Banker took a terrible beating as its price collapsed by 26.6 per cent. The Clal Israel shares were both 10 per cent higher.

Oils were mostly mixed, with a slight tendency to lower prices, as moderate profit-taking appeared to develop.

The index-linked bond market continued to benefit from the valiant support extended by the central bank. The Bank of Israel was in there pitching and generally was able to maintain an even keel in most areas of index-linked bond trading.

The fully-linked bond sector, however, tended to move lower, with losses running up to three per cent.

The shekel continued to lose ground against the dollar, but the pace of the erosion slowed, as the currency fell by only 65 agorot.

Kenes — the organizers for congresses and special events successfully completed its first-ever public financing. All of the units offered were picked up. The Kenes issue was supposed to trade today, but the stock exchange management has postponed the trading move because the issue was not distributed among a sufficiently broad segment of investors. Plans are now being made to have the Kenes shares traded on a computerized basis.

Volatility statistics yesterday showed that nine issues were on the "sellers only" list, while six were established as "buyers only."

However, 90 securities did advance by margins of more than five per cent, while 55 were down by similar margins.

Hamburger chairman of Israel-Switzerland Chamber
TEL AVIV. — At the annual general meeting of the Israel-Switzerland Chamber of Commerce recently, Gideon Hamburger was elected chairman. The following officers were also elected: Hon. presidents — M. Mosevics and Dr. A. Ne'eman; vice-chairmen — Dr. J. Bach and B. Blei; honorary treasurer — Z. Pissetzki; members of the executive committee — A. Ackermann, E. Eisenmann, M.E. Halberthal, Dr. R. Hecht, S. Mor, K. Reich, L. Terner, J. Wegrzyn; general secretary — Suzanne Wolff.

AID. — Saudi Arabia has granted Mauritania \$5 million in food aid to help overcome drought, the official Saudi press agency reported yesterday.

LONDON BANK RATES
January 11, 1984
Bank base rate 9 9/16
Call money 9 9/16
91-day Treasury 8 7/8
3-months interbank 9 7/8
Lloyds Bank

FOREIGN CURRENCY
Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING
U.S.	DOLLAR	114.8206	115.3800
Great Britain	STERLING	180.3881	181.7886
Germany	MARK	40.3060	40.1025
France	FRANC	12.2678	12.1356
Netherlands	GULDEN	36.1264	35.7655
Switzerland	FRANC	51.1081	50.5991
Sweden	KRÖNA	13.8286	13.7888
Norway	KRÖNA	14.4187	14.2781
Denmark	KRÖNA	11.1407	11.0257
Finland	MARK	18.1154	18.0250
Canada	DOLLAR	91.4081	90.4976
Australia	DOLLAR	103.5847	102.9490
Belgium	FRANC	90.6946	89.7912
Belgium (10)	FRANC	19.7790	19.5820
Belgium (100)	FRANC	19.4482	19.2544
Yugoslavia (100)	DINAR	57.2027	56.5223
Yugoslavia (1000)	DINAR	49.0452	48.5567
Yugoslavia (10000)	DINAR	66.5711	65.3040
GOLD: \$386.00/937.10/oz.			
INTERBANK SPOT RATES:			
USSR	1.3955/85	per \$	
DM	2.8370/85	per \$	
Swiss FR	2.2534/83	per \$	
French FR	8.6700/30	per \$	
Italian Lire	1718.00/00	per \$	
Dutch G	3.1840/55	per \$	
Yen (100)	234.00/15	per \$	
Danish KR	10.2850/75	per \$	
Norwegian KR	7.8400/50	per \$	
Swedish KR	8.2220/30	per \$	
Belgian FR	58.86/91	per \$	
Belgian G	57.89/91	per \$	
FORWARD RATES:			
1 month	1.3970/85	per \$	
3 months	1.3970/85	per \$	
6 months	1.3970/85	per \$	
1 year	1.3970/85	per \$	

Commercial Banks

Bank	Change	% Change
Bank of Israel	16	-1.32
Maritime 0.1	253	0.4
Maritime 0.5	106	0
N. American 1	332	0
N. American 5	216	0
N. Am. op 1	1104	0
Danot 1	242	21
Danot 5	46	21
Danot 5.2	164	10
First Int'l	207	2
FIBI	185	0

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Bank	Change	% Change
IDB 1	2214	1.30
IDB 5	340	1
IDB 5.1	1940	0
IDB 5.11	1093	0
Union 0.1	4104	0
Discount A	4280	0
Discount B	2690	0
Discount C	384	0
Mizrahi 1	1322	1.34
Mizrahi 5	1812	0
Mizrahi op 11	1910	0
Mizrahi op 12	767	2.29
Mizrahi op 6	10700	0
Mizrahi op 9	580	0
Hapoalim 1	2190	0
Hapoalim 5	2190	0
Hapoalim 5.1	7710	0
General A	4580	0
General op 1	11400	0
General op 8	440	0
General op 9	440	0
General op 10	440	0
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Hotels, Tourism

Hotel	Change	% Change
Galei Zamar 1	261	0
Galei Zamar 5	117	0
Dun Hachal 1	450	0
Dun Hachal 5	224	0
Cora Bevan	275	0
Yarden Hotel	158	0
Yarden Hotel op	174	0
Yarden Hotel op 1	40	0
Yarden Hotel op 2	40	0
Yarden Hotel op 3	40	0
Yarden Hotel op 4	40	0
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Real Estate, Building

Real Estate	Change	% Change
Oren	117	0
Avram Prop.	117	0
Avram op 1	117	0
Avram op 2	117	0
Avram op 3	117	0
Avram op 4	117	0
Avram op 5	117	0
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Budget cuts aren't enough

AFTER A STORMY all-night meeting, the ministerial economic committee unanimously decided to cut government expenditures.

The global sum of IS\$8 billion on which the committee reached agreement did not quite add up to the nine per cent originally presented by the Treasury as the minimum slash. Nor did it amount to an across-the-board cut, as proposed by the Treasury. Thus the welfare budget, which found its political protector in Tami, is to be pared by 5-6 per cent, to be achieved through "greater internal efficiency," while the development budget is to be trimmed by more than the average.

Nevertheless Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir feel satisfied. For had the committee broken up without an agreement — and there is at least one memorable precedent for that happening under the Likud — it would have been seen as confirmation of the utter impotence of the present regime, and open acknowledgement that its days are numbered.

Coming on top of the failure to coax the Histadrut into a "package deal" the day before, it would perhaps have been a mortal blow. The committee members were plainly determined that this should not happen.

How durable the decision is, remains to be seen. For one thing, it still requires the assent of the full cabinet, in which ministerial interests not represented in the committee may come to the fore. On a number of issues, too, differences persist among the coalition parties. While Tami, or a part of it, at any rate, keeps insisting on the cessation of all new settlement activity in Judea and Samaria as a condition of belt-tightening for the disadvantaged, Tichia is adamant that cuts in settlement should only affect the quality but not the quantity of construction.

To survive, the government needs the support of both these small parties.

Even if the decision itself gets through the cabinet in one piece, there is a serious question whether it will stand the test of time. Likud administrations have become notorious for their tendency to ignore budgetary constraints and run to the Knesset with requests for supplementary budgets, which dutiful majorities ratify as a matter of political expediency. Nothing in Mr. Cohen-Orgad's record so far provides any assurance that he will set his face against this practice.

Of course it is possible that he will. But his main effort will still have to be aimed at keeping expenditures in line with revenues. In other words, he will have to see to it that government spending does not produce an intolerable deficit. However, the recession into which the finance minister is driving the economy can only pare down revenues and expand the deficit.

Since he cannot obtain enough long-term loans to cover it, Mr. Cohen-Orgad will be forced to print money for the purpose. But this will cancel out whatever benefits the cuts decided upon by the ministerial economic committee may conceivably yield.

This does not necessarily mean that the committee was entirely off-beam. A sharp reduction in government operations is obviously imperative, in the circumstances. But in order to rescue the economy from the impending disaster a complete reversal of national policy is called for. This implies a wholly new game, not merely shifting the existing pieces around.

BANK INQUIRY

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went from Bank Hapoalim to head Ampal, the bank sold valuable Ampal assets at the value registered in the books, "which is of course a historical and infinitesimal price."

A picture of a typewritten page said to be a secret report prepared several years ago by a very senior lawyer and a top banker to the then-finance minister Simha Ehrlich alleged that Bank Hapoalim transfer assets to Ampal for a "partial recompense."

As a result of the transfers, "foreign residents won purchasers' rights in many assets from Israel's residents without proper recompense," the report added.

The weekly said that on December 18, 1979 Bank Hapoalim sold part of its branch in the Cayman Islands to Ampal for \$180,000. Ampal's balance sheet prepared for December 31 of that year registered the value of that purchase at \$380,000.

"Within one year the value of Ampal's shares in the U.S. stock exchange rose from 95 cents per share to \$4 per share. A 320 per cent profit a year, in dollars, is really something," *Havlam Hazez* said.

"Without suspecting the innocent, it is very easy to assume that whoever is close to the banking empire could have received a loan in dollars...at the beginning of that year, bought Ampal shares at their low price and when selling them after a year he still was left...with a handsome profit...even after paying interest," the magazine continued.

The magazine added that while chairman of Ampal, Levinson registered in Delaware another company — U.S.I. Investments. Noting that the company's gross assets were far higher than its paid-up capital (as listed) the magazine said: "Where are all these assets from? Maybe from profits from shares that rose within one year by 320 per cent?"

As reported in *Davar* yesterday, Levinson strongly denied an Israel Television report that he had transferred Bank Hapoalim assets to a private company. He said he would seek legal counsel.

He also denied the *Havlam Hazez* report, stating: "Ampal acted to raise resources in foreign currency for the State of Israel and its economy, and all the companies

that operated within its framework or in cooperation with it acted with the bank's knowledge and continuously contributed to the bank's aims."

In 1981, Levinson was asked by the Alignment to be its Candidate for Finance Minister, but after extensive consultations with Labour Party chairman, Levinson decided against joining the party ticket.

In yesterday's interview Rosolio said that shortly after he became secretary of Hevrat HaOvdim last April, he learned from the bank about the suspicions concerning Levinson. Rosolio said he immediately informed Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and in May or June appointed Rothman and Sivan to look into the matter.

Rothman and Sivan are members of the bank's board of directors and as such have access to the bank's secret files, he said.

The investigation has been secret because, Rosolio said, it involved operations abroad, and to avoid casting aspersions on Levinson. He said that Levinson may be the target of a "framing" attempt. The investigation was delayed partly because Rothman had been ill, Rosolio added.

"The information has been dealt with immediately and in a responsible manner," the secretary insisted. There was "no attempt to sweep matters under the carpet but to check facts in a reliable manner," he added.

Developments will be reported today to Hevrat HaOvdim's managing committee and on Sunday to the Histadrut's Central Committee, he said.

Post Knesset Correspondent adds: Likud Knesset Member Dan Tichon wants the State Comptroller to issue an official opinion regarding the allegations against Levinson.

Tichon, an economist and a member of the Likud's Liberal wing, wrote the chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, Avraham Katz-Oz, yesterday noting that the Treasury was already a guarantor of the bank, because of the bank-shares agreement, and would have to assume a still greater financial burden if the allegations against Levinson weakened its bank's position.

SUBSIDIZING THE RICH

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

THE PROPOSAL by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan, to raise the basic benefits for most recipients of National Insurance payments is certainly necessary, now that subsidies for basic commodities have been slashed. But the proposal will also have the unintended effect of widening the gap among poor families.

The proposal, which is to be brought before the NII Council in about two weeks for preliminary approval, tries to correct part of the damage done to the real incomes of most groups of NII beneficiaries by the drastic cuts in subsidies. It seeks a 5 per cent increase in the basic sums allotted each month to the disabled, the aged, survivors, those receiving income supports or alimony, and large families with four or more children.

The NII notes that in October a basic policy change was made concerning subsidies, which has led to enormous jumps in the price of bread, milk, oil and fuel over the last few months. Yet no corresponding change was made in the NII benefits for groups that, with some important exceptions, tend to be in the lowest income brackets.

The compensation mechanisms that are supposed to tide these groups over in the periods between regular adjustments every three months have simply not been able to make up for the sudden and steep erosion of real income for these groups.

The 5 per cent increase proposed would come in addition to the quarterly rise in NII benefits linked to the average wage or to the Consumer Price Index.

The NII proposal, adopted by Uzan, seeks to match the policy change on subsidies with a policy change on welfare payments to certain groups. This seems only fair and logical — but it may prove too much for a government unable to define its economic policy clearly, let alone tackle the relation between economic and social policy. The only indication so far from the Treasury is that welfare expenses should be cut like everything else, and at the same rate.

THE GROUPS singled out for the 5 per cent increase in NII payments have several things in common: they tend to be in the low-income brackets; they tend to have a high proportion of subsidized basic commodities in their respective "consumption baskets" and their major source of income tends to be NII payments.

The glaring exception to these trends is large families, whose children's allowances would be increased by 5 per cent under the proposal. The tendency to put all large families automatically in the "needy" category along with the disabled, widows and welfare cases began last October, when a special compensation payment was made to these groups.

While a case can be made that the vast majority of the aged, disabled, widows, welfare cases and alimony recipients are in the lowest income brackets, the same cannot be said of families with four children. NII figures based on a statistical sample show that 16 per cent of families with four children are below the poverty line — that is, in the lowest income group — and that

another 50 per cent are in the other lowest-income brackets.

But 24 per cent of all families with four children are in the middle income brackets and 10 per cent are at the highest income levels.

Among families with five or more children, the vast majority are in the lowest income groups.

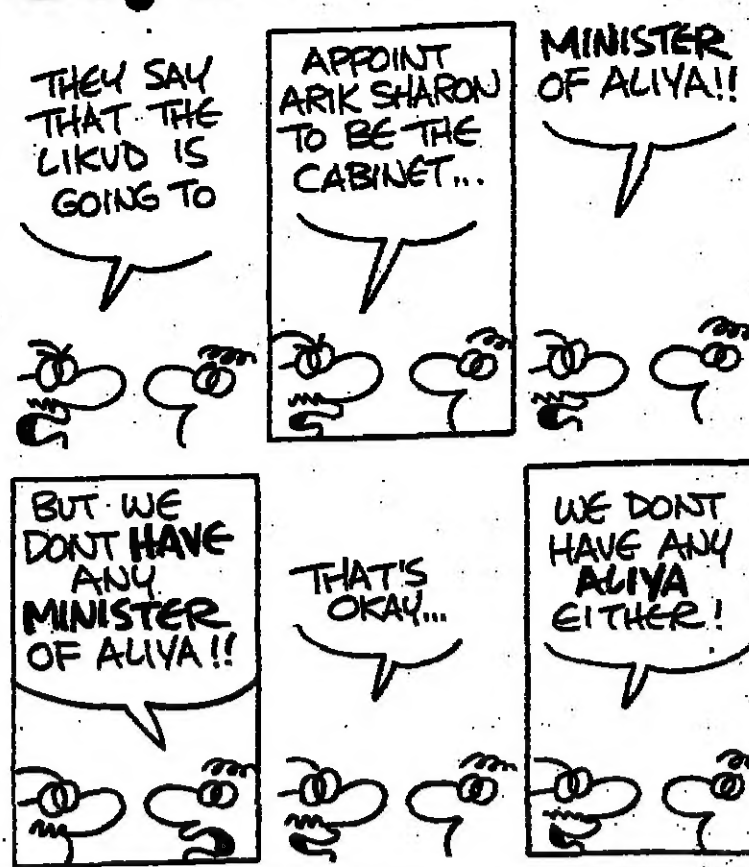
Families with four children also differ from the uniformly needy groups in the Uzan proposal in that for most of them, the children's allowances do not form the main part of their income. The allowances are an important supplement, to be sure, but they do not mean the same thing for them as they do for the widowed or disabled.

THE FOCUS on large families, irrespective of income, leaves out in the cold the estimated 17,000 families with one to three children living below the poverty line, not to mention thousands of other small families living on the edge of poverty. These families were overlooked in last October's special compensation, and they are also omitted from the proposal to raise basic benefits.

The poor families with up to three children are in part the victim of the data collection and processing system used by the NII. The NII computer can distinguish between families by the number of children they have, but cannot group them by income level. Income data on all recipients of child allowances cannot be efficiently collected and manipulated, the NII experts say, to enable a small family with a low income to be distinguished from a large family with a high income.

Thus a shotgun approach is

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adopted in which the increase in benefits will reach the deserving targets along with thousands of less deserving ones. The same goes for payments to widows and the disabled, but here the margin for injustice is much smaller.

As a sop to Zehavi and to large families in general, Tami no doubt figured that it wouldn't hurt to throw some extra benefits their way in the framework of a proposal designed to help other groups, the vast majority of whose members really need help.

But the proposal compounds the injustice of giving more to large families who are well-off, by excluding the small poor families who have little but their heavily-eroded child allowances to live on.

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There ARE grounds to suspect that large families were added to the list of intrinsically needy groups for political reasons. The heads of Zehavi, the Large Families Association, recently held a press conference in which they blasted Uzan's party, Tami, for breaking its promises to help large families. The extra children's allowances for large families, paid since last spring, made up only a small part of the erosion in the value of the payments in the last six years, they charged.

In response to the Zehavi criticism, Uzan's deputy, Ben-Zion Rubin, said that Tami would soon attempt to push the rest of the large family legislation through the Knesset. That seems highly unlikely now, with Uzan sharply at odds with the Treasury's economic policies.

Enough is enough

By DAVID TWERSKY

WITH 1984 less than a week old, Herut attempted the incredible: to oust George Orwell by nominating Ariel Sharon for the vacant post of head of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department.

Arik Sharon, a man who came out last in a popularity poll of Israeli leaders among American Jewry. The man who paved the way for, and then dragged us along into, the most prolonged and ill-advised disaster in the relatively short history of this young state, the war in Lebanon. The man whom the Kahan Commission found sufficiently responsible for the events surrounding the Sabra and Shatilla massacres to recommend that he be stripped of the long-coveted Defence portfolio. The man who mismanaged the Ministry of Agriculture in order to further the tragic *de facto* annexation of the West Bank.

Arik Sharon is the last man in Israel to have been nominated for a job like Aliya. He is the very op-

posite of the educator we need if we are to successfully engage the free Jewish world in a dialogue about the depth and range of possibilities available to those who make their lives in Israel.

Surely Herut, to whom the Aliya job must go by virtue of Zionist Congress politics, can come up with a candidate who, while reflecting their views, is capable of uniting rather than dividing the Jewish people. It is utterly inconceivable that Sharon could have done this — he had as much chance as the proverbial snowball in hell of communicating a positive Zionist message to anyone except those who agree with him already.

Prime Minister Shamir suggested, at a meeting with the leadership of the Zionist Confederation, that to refuse Sharon the job would be tantamount to an admission of responsibility for the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. This pathetic campaign rhetoric reminds me of a speech by Richard Nixon, midway through the Watergate crisis. Addressing the nation on television, the U.S. president declared that "we are all guilty of Watergate. Every American, whether he cheats on his taxes, beats his wife, is unkind to his secretary or refuses to help an old lady cross the street." This effort to spread the blame and thus trivialize the crime did Nixon no good: the

nation refused to put it all behind them.

Nor will Mr. Shamir succeed in his attempts to minimize the fault found by the official commission of inquiry with Sharon's handling of the events surrounding the massacre. The choice is not between Israel's collective guilt and Sharon's private innocence. There is an intermediate possibility, the one which the Kahan Commission accepted: Sharon was culpable, the Israeli people were not. It was by articulating that conclusion that the collective innocence of the Israeli nation was established beyond the shadow of a doubt.

We cannot put it all behind us,

not while we are still in Lebanon still blinded by the pain inflicted on us by the policies championed by Ariel Sharon. We must not trivialize the tragic consequences of Sharon's titanic failures.

This man should not serve anywhere in Israeli public life, or lead the Jewish people in any capacity. This man had his day a court, and his years of power. It is time for him to leave us — and we must make certain that Sharon's aide Uri Dan was a false prophesy when he said, at the time his master was forced out of the defence job "Those who didn't want him a defence minister will get him as prime minister."

That must never come to pass and there is no better way of making that nightmare vanish into thin air than to say "no" to Sharon now, to refuse to legitimize him, now.

The writer is the editor of *Spectrum*, the Israeli Labour Movement monthly, and member of Kibbutz Gezer.

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL'S ONLY ALLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A recent issue of The Jerusalem Post featured both an editorial and a comment by Prime Minister Shamir that ties with the U.S. have never been closer. And there was obvious satisfaction with this closeness.

I want to remind you to open your collective eyes in Israel. Do not rely on the friendship of any foreign power or chief of state, as it is a passing thing with no substance. And recent history of the see-saw "friendship" between Israel and its U.S. ally shows this all too clearly. Stop and look and see the facts for what they are and not for what you would like them to be.

The only ally of Israel and of the Jewish people is the Almighty. ARTHUR MILLER Cape Town, South Africa.

PENFRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — One of the best kept secrets in the world is the existence of a penfriend service that seeks to link Jewish individuals of all ages and backgrounds to one another, whether they reside in Israel or in the Diaspora. International Jewish Correspondence, as it is called, is funded by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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SOVIET JEWRY

general impression is that our Russian Jewish compatriots have lowered the already uncertain level of Jewish community commitment, rather than raising it in any measure or aspect.

It is time to state, therefore, that the Israelis were right, and the American Jewish leadership of the day was wrong. The emigrants should have been brought, en masse, to the one place in which, willy-nilly, the world would conspire to make Jews of them. To state matters simply: the State of Israel suffered, but the American Jewish community did not benefit, from the anti-Zionist decision imposed a decade ago.

If, as we all hope and pray, the Jews who wish to leave the USSR again get the chance to do so, a new policy should take shape, one that favours the Judaization in the State of Israel of these welcome additions to the Jewish people of the free world.

Prof. JACOB NEUSNER Providence, Rhode Island.

PEACE WITH EGYPT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In a letter in your issue of January 2, Mr. Alpert concludes that peace with Egypt is an "empty shell." Although the peace is not as yet what we envisioned, an empty shell is better than a loaded one. DR. MICHAEL ROSKIN Jerusalem.

CHRISTIAN TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Lebanese Christian TV station, whose programmes you now report in your TV section, provides some excellent sports, movies and general entertainment. For that, we should be grateful.

However, every day, a child's cartoon series entitled "Super Book" is also presented. This series provides us with a daily dosage of "Jesus stories." The one for January, which prompts this letter, was a minute account of the "Jewish conspiracy" to kill Jesus.

If the Christians are going to our means of communication, promote their message, I would least suggest a minimum of tact in their part.

LARRY GOLDSTEIN Kibbutz Ein Dor.

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